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On a beautiful early sunny morning in the Fall of 2003, I took a photo of the Midland Co-op building from the Maple/Oregon bridge. When recently I started painting the scene, the controversy was raging on what to do with this giant historic building. I knew then that I wanted to donate this painting "Sturgeon Bay Legacy" to the Sturgeon Bay Library not only because I have worked there twelve years, but mostly because library is all about community.

I have a binder with horse drawings that are about 55 years old. These old drawings, on lined notebook paper are from the Sturgeon Bay Library's extensive collection of illustrated horse stories at that time - beloved authors like Marguerite Henry who wrote the Misty of Chincoteague series, Walter Farley's Black Stallion series, and Mary O'Hara's My Friend Flicka to name only a few. I decided to draw them myself based on the wonderful artists' illustrations. I remember my "Aha!!" moment at age 10 when I did not have to hide horse's hooves in grass, snow, and hay anymore because I was able to draw the fetlock and hoof correctly for the first time.

I am so glad that I still have that wonderful remnant of my art history. I believe that I would not have discovered my art talent without the help of the Door County Library. And I am happy that the Co-op building now has a new home. We must preserve the good history of our past, both in our personal lives and in our community.



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