



Limited Edition Prints of Mary

Garry Chartrand, a self-taught artist became interested in the Foothills Research Institute Grizzly Bear Program when he saw the news about the poaching incident of Mary the bear on the CBC National News. "I was deeply moved and saddened to see and hear what happened to Mary. I was in tears watching Gord's (Stenhouse) TV program. I felt I had to try and help out in some way. I decided to preserve Mary the only way I know how." Garry painted this picture of Mary so the memory of her will live on.

The Foothills Research Institute Grizzly Bear Program has been underway since 1999 and continues to pursue its primary goal of providing new knowledge and planning tools to ensure the long-term conservation of grizzly bears in Alberta. We began studying "Mary" G20 when she was a young female bear in 2000. Over the next few years this bear showed us how tolerant grizzly bears could be of humans sharing their habitat. We watched her begin to raise her first set of cubs (twins) and then we found her and one of her cubs shot by a poacher. In all, this is a sad statement of human intolerance in sharing habitat with grizzly bears.

Proceeds from this limited edition print will enable us to continue providing information and tools to government and land managers in their efforts to continue conserving Grizzly Bears in Alberta.

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