

WELCOMING PRINCETON

Recognizing the contributions made by newcomers and immigrants

CG GALLERY, LTD. FINE ART



The lovely Chambers Street is the home of CG Gallery, owned by the elegant Elizabeth Godycki a native of Krakow, Poland. Ms. Godycki immigrated to the United States with her husband when she was 27 years old after having resided for a time in Paris. She and her husband had both studied art and were a part of the art world. The couple lived in California for many years and had a gallery in San Francisco. After the birth of their son, they moved to the Princeton area in 1994. They had friends in the area and knew of the strong schools that would be available to him. CG Gallery gets its name from their CA gallery which was known as Creative Group gallery. Ms. Godycki pointed out that the G also begins

her last name. The gallery is an international studio, known for its fine paintings, drawings, high quality limited editions, black and white photography of the 1930s and 1940s and hand blown glass from England, Canada and the Czech Republic. The gallery also handles custom framing with beautiful 24k gilded frames from Argentina and Bavaria. Ms. Godycki is an interior design consultant and handles the cleaning and conservation of artwork in area homes. She told us that when the Princeton community initially responded well to abstract art and antique prints, they knew they had found the right home for their gallery. In the early days, she would host art classes for area children. Ms. Godycki told us that the biggest help in developing her business was relationships with people in the community. Good public relations remains very important for a luxury art business to thrive. Ms. Godycki enjoys the nice contact she has with the community. When asked about her biggest challenges, she mentioned economic downturns. We asked Ms. Godycki about her advice to other immigrants. She said "Be honest and hard working. Be a part of a community which you can absorb and embrace." She went on to say that the Princeton community offers so many ways to assimilate, learn the language and become involved. In her case it was through the library, arts council, schools, and university museum and book stores. She is also involved with the Chambers Street community. We encourage everyone to step into CG Art Gallery. Beauty abounds!

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