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QUEEN'S PRINTER LAUNCHES ARTIST TED HARRISON BIOGRAPHY

VICTORIA – Crown Publications, the Queen's Printer for British Columbia, is delighted to release the book, *Ted Harrison: Painting Paradise*, by bestselling Victoria-based author Katherine Gibson, Citizens' Services Minister Ben Stewart announced today.

"The colourful images of British Columbia's landscape in *Painting Paradise* are striking and truly spectacular," said Stewart. "The production of this book was a wonderful opportunity for the staff at Queen's Printer to use their creative talents and gain valuable hands-on experience."

This is the first-ever biography of Order of B.C.-winning artist Ted Harrison and the first book of its kind for Crown Publications. This unique project required a high calibre of design and printing quality that showcased Ted Harrison's work and the abilities of Crown Publications and Queen's Printer.

The 260-page book with over 70 images was written, published and printed in British Columbia. A soft cover edition is available through bookstores and online from Crown Publications. The collector's limited edition, with only 750 copies, is available exclusively through Crown Publications.

"*Painting Paradise* is a landmark in publishing," said artist Ted Harrison. "It's beautifully designed and bound, wonderfully written and presented."

Ted Harrison is a celebrated artist, author and teacher whose work resonates with the spirit of British Columbia and its people. Harrison is a recipient of both the Order of B.C. and the Order of Canada and holds four honorary doctorate degrees for his contributions. He currently lives and paints in Victoria, B.C.

Author Katherine Gibson, who lives in Victoria, spent the past four years working on this project, which includes a detailed look at Ted Harrison's personal and artistic growth as well as his time living in Victoria.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Queen's Printer. With a proud tradition and commitment to excellence, Queen's Printer has been providing a specialized service for nearly as long as the founding of the Crown Colony of British Columbia.

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