The colorful path Renate Dollinger took to The Summit at First Hill
like it here, it feels like HOME

Ronnie (Ronnie) Dlugoff’s laugh is just as magical as her artistic talents are excellent. The Summit’s Memory Support Community, Ronnie’s life story is one that involves so much. It’s about a girl from Miller’s Germany, she’s been called the “Grandma Moses of the Shtetl,” having exhibited widely in California and represented in private collections throughout the country.

With Otto’s blessing, my mother started a school for children. “A school...is a place where being self-nurturing and very independent.” Katie stood five feet tall—that was it. Otto was huge like a tree. He was like a king. He wanted an heir to his throne. He could not forgive my mother, my sister Steffi, me or the world for the loss of our son. “We will never have a child again.”

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HOME AT FIRST SIGHT
I met Gerry at a dance at the Jewish Community Center in San Francisco. We were both 17 years old. It was love at first sight. “I’ve been waiting for you to appear.”

THE NEXT CHAPTER
Something very bad happened. The US government was recruiting for Jewish men to fight in World War II. My older brother, Steffie, volunteered to fight in the war. He was drafted into the army and stationed in Dachau. My mother was heartbroken. She moved to a new city, Long Beach, California, to be closer to her daughter.

My mother had a stroke in 2004. About a month or two later, she died.

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PATTON’S THIRD ARMY
After the War, I had to do something to pay my rent. I remember it was VE Day. I cut my hair very short to be like a similar boys club. A powerful English officer sent me overseas to meet someone he knew about me. He told me to go to Oxford Street and look for the American Army during the week, but I couldn’t find it.

On November 1939, my mother said to me, “Renata, I’m going to take you to a hotel in London…to a hotel where older ladies are staying.” It turned out to be a Russian cruise ship. I came as an illegal entry.

My sister had fallen in love with Max, a young rabbi-to-be. The Nazis were everywhere; it was going on. Little tiny kids were being pulled by one arm to get on the train. If we had been on board; there were so many children. She said, “Push, push.” It was so terrible what was going on.

After my father killed himself, his family disowned us as there was no male to carry on the family name.

I was in an assisted living facility in Bothell Washington to be closer to my daughter. The serenity, the peace, the lovely gardens and the breeze...it’s just like the home my mother kept.

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This is Ronnie’s second show at The Summit; the first was nearly sold out. Her new work focuses on landscapes and seascapes. Pricing is very affordable so that anyone and everyone can own a Ronnie original. She donates all proceeds to the Art Program here at The Summit at First Hill.