

Irene Osborne was born in Montreal but left at an early age to live in various places in Ontario. She graduated in nursing from the Hospital for Sick Children. She married and is the mother of four grown children. She lives on a farm near Castleton.

After years of personal independent exploration in art, she began studies with the Cobourg Art Club, first with Peter Kolisnyk in 1984 and 1985, and with James Paget 1986 - 1991.

She exhibited with the Cobourg Art Club annual show of work during these years and in the juried art shows at the Art Gallery of Northumberland.