

Ann Hart



One summer spent on Cape Cod during college was enough to convince me that I wanted to make my home there. After graduation in 1976 from the University of Pittsburg with a degree in Early Education my creative career has taken various paths including pottery, graphic design & photography, fiber arts, and in the recent past, innkeeping, which called upon many skills. But painting and drawing have always been my mainstay, even when most of my energy was required elsewhere. Now, I am very lucky to have the opportunity to focus on painting, working every day to improve as a watercolorist and to take on subject matter that I once categorized as “too hard”.

I gather my inspiration in the field, making observations, taking photographs. I am drawn to imagery that combines fluidity with intricate detail and has strong contrasts of color and light. The transparent approach to watercolor requires planning and that is part of the process that I embrace. Each piece is a problem to solve - the technical and interpretive decisions that I make work in tandem. A truly good painting both surprises me and is exactly what I had in mind at the outset. So a “better good painting” is always waiting on the next blank sheet of beautiful paper! My hope is that my paintings invite you, the viewer, into the scene to look more closely. And to draw you back even after the image has become familiar.

I create art and always have because I am most engaged with a piece on the go. I am likely, upon quitting for the day, to be back in the studio every half hour to look at the day’s work - evaluating, celebrating, regretting perhaps, thinking about the next step. For me, this is joyous.

I am a member of the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Philadelphia Watercolor Society, Master Artist Member of the Cape Cod Art Association and Signature Member of both the Transparent Watercolor Society of America and the New England Watercolor Society. I have won numerous awards at the national and local level and am represented by Gallery Antonia, Chatham, MA. www.galleryantonia.com

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