

Artist Statement

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My passion for art began at an early age. I was fortunate enough to have parents that encouraged my interest through years of lessons in various media at the Toledo Museum of Art and private painting lessons. After a short hiatus of 20 years working in Radiology education, raising three boys and living in Europe for 4 years, I have resumed pursuing my passion for art with the full support of my family.

Currently, I am working with oil pastels. I start by covering the entire surface with a thin layer of pastel ground color combined with thinner using a cloth. Then, I gradually build in the blocks of color with the pastel crayons. Colored pencils are sometimes used for fine detail at the very end. The medium has endless possibilities and combines my love for drawing with my need for rich, vivid, beautiful color.

The subjects are mostly of the nature and landscapes of places we have lived or traveled. The colors, shapes, light, and shadows intrigue me. I enjoy reliving the memories and am in awe of the beauty of the world we live in. To me this beauty is a reaffirmation of a higher power and plan. My hope is to bring a sense of that wonder to my audiences.