

## GIGI GODFREY ARTIST STATEMENT

Art intrigues me on many levels —I see it as a pure expression of life, varied and unique to each artist. For me, painting has been a passion, a curiosity, a chase. There is always more to explore, more to *see*, more to interpret with paint.

As an oil painter, I am drawn to subjects displaying some sort of rhythm—whether in the way the light patterns form, the shapes link together, or the weaving of color harmony.

I am happiest with my work when I stay loose and leave unfinished work show through—creating a trail of the evolution. Color and texture are the real appeal and I enjoy using many different tools brushes, palette knives, scrapers—to create interest in the work.

When searching for the right color value and temperature, I tend to leave all the marks on the final work, showing the decision process, which I call "painting out loud". I have spent a lot of time learning the "rules" of painting—however, I do take artistic license and have fun pushing the boundaries.

Gigi is formally trained as a cardiac nurse & informally trained as a mom and an artist. She has learned from many wonderful instructors over 20 plus years at local art centers and community colleges in Wisconsin, Minnesota, California and Washington. She currently lives with her family on Bainbridge Island, WA and teaches painting at the local Parks & Rec center.

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Gigi Godfrey Artist CV

## AFFILIATIONS

Plein Air Washington Artists (PAWA) American Impressionist Society California Art Club Oil Painters of America

## **AWARDS & SHOWS**

2023 Bainbridge Island Museum of Art Spotlight Exhibition

- 2023 Windermere Group Show, Bainbridge Island WA
- 2023 Blackbird Bakery Solo Exhibition, Bainbridge Island WA
- 2022 Cole Gallery Paint Out Invitational, Honorable Mention, Edmonds WA
- 2022 AIS Associate Member Juried Online Exhibition
- 2022 PAWA Winter Juried Exhibition, Cole Gallery
- 2022 PAWA Little Gems Juried Exhibition, Honorable Mention, Scott Milo Gallery, Anacortes WA
- 2022 Windermere Group Art Show
- 2022 Treehouse Café Group Exhibit, Bainbridge Island
- 2021 On the Edge PAWA Juried Exhibition, American Art Company, Tacoma WA
- 2021 PAWA Little Gems Juried Exhibition, Scott Milo Gallery

2020 PAWA Winter Exhibition

- 2020 Bainbridge Island Juried Online Winter Studio Tour
- 2020 "Junctures & Phases" Blackbird Bakery Solo Exhibit
- 2019 "Mischief & Craft" Bainbridge Public Library Solo Exhibit

2018 Winslow Art Center Paint Out, People's Choice, Bainbridge Island 2018 "Current Work" Blackbird Bakery Solo Exhibit 2015 Winslow Paint Out Invitational 2rd Place, Painbridge Arts and Craft

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