

Fae Penland:

### From Catherine's Garden

How the natural flow of garden blooms inspires! The freedom of the wild is always part of their beauty. They inspire so many artists in different ways in with different mediums. In this painting the focus is on the iris, but there is a nod to the honeysuckles on the pottery. A sprig of nature on the man-made.

Watercolor by nature is a medium like nature is best when is nurtured but not put in strict rigid controlled areas. Color is laid on with the darker colors first and always looking for their shifting hues. That brings us to the paper, and just like nature it's best not to overwork it.

What a joy it is to be able to look at such a display of color and grace from nature. I hope my painting allows you to also experience that joy.

Thank you,  
Fae

FOR OVER 40 YEARS I HAVE CREATED DISTINCTIVE AND HIGHLY ACCLAIMED WORK IN WATERCOLOR, OIL, AND DRAWING. A GREAT DEAL OF MY ARTISTIC INSPIRATION WAS DUE IN PART TO GROWING UP NEXT TO A LIBRARY AND UNIVERSITY THAT SUPPLIED CONSTANT VISUAL STIMULI AND A DESIRE TO IMITATE OTHER ARTISTS. FROM GRADE SCHOOL TO THE PRESENT, I HAVE TAKEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER DEVELOP MY SKILLS TO PORTRAY WORK THAT HAS DEPTH AND EXEMPLIFIES THE ESSENCE OF SPIRITUAL BONDING BETWEEN ARTIST AND SUBJECT.

ONE AVENUE FOR MY CREATIVE EXPLORATION IS SHAPE AND RHYTHM. THE BEST WAY I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT THE JOURNEY IS TO THINK OF MUSICAL RHYTHMS AND HOW THEY MAKE US FEEL. WE FEEL ENLIGHTENED, PEACEFUL, OR CURIOUS, AND THE LIST CAN GO ON AND ON. I EXPLORE THESE VISUAL RHYTHMS WITH A VARIETY OF MEDIUMS. THE FOCUS IS ON POETIC AND MUSICAL BEAT OF SHAPE AND COLOR.

SOME OF THE SHOWS

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BLACK ROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS THREE PERSON SHOW

ART SPACE HERNDON VA, TWO PERSON SHOW, "OF A FASHION"

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ARTS BARN GAITHERSBURG MD ONE PERSON SHOW

MARKET STREET FOUR MONTH SOLO SHOW SPONSORED BY GREATER RESTON

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EXXON MOBIL AND ARTS COUNCIL FAIRFAX  
WASHINGTON WATERCOLOR SHOW STRATHMORE HALL BETHESDA MD  
INAUGURAL ART SHOW AT THE MILLENNIUM ART CENTER