

Barbara Bemis Adams

Artist Statement

I have explored many art mediums through classes and working on my own since my early school days. Retired from teaching special education in Sandwich, MA, I am now making art full time.

Provincetown painter, Phil Malicoat, was a major influence and remains a touchstone in my work.

My inspiration comes from spending as much time as I can “seeing” the light, color and patterns of the natural world. I move back and forth between Cape Cod and north central Maine, where the changing of the seasons always intrigues and delights me.

I find pushing more and more toward abstraction both challenging and absorbing. I love using a palette knife to mix and scratch into oil, the rich colors of pastels, and the surprises of monotype printmaking. I often combine monotype and pastel.

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Education

Winter Blahs Workshops, Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod

Studied with:

Barbara Stone – 2007

Edith Cohenno Bryant – 2007-2008

Carol C. Garvey – 2008

Carol Caldwell – 2009

Donna Rossetti-Bailey – 2010

Jean Hirons – 2011

Christine Bodner & Deb Quinn Munson – 2012

Rosalie Nadeau & Pat Ross Marx – 2013

Master Class, Three-day Pastel Workshop with
Marla Bagetta – September 2012

Image-Making for the Writing Process & Picturing
Writing, University of New Hampshire Graduate Courses
– 2007, 2009

Masters in Education, Salem State College – 1996

Cape Museum of Fine Arts, Painting From a Model with
Harry Holl – 1993

Monotype Printmaking with Pia MacKenzie – 1989-1991

Weekly Studio Painting with Phillip Malicoat,
Provincetown, MA – 1977-1980

Japanese Throwing on the Potter's Wheel with
Harry Holl, Castle Hill, Truro, MA – 1976

Drawing From a Model with Harry Holl, Sculpture &
Clay From a Model with Joyce Johnson, Cape Cod
Conservatory – 1976

Adult Education Drawing with Gordon Brooks,
Brewster, MA – 1975

Ceramics Study with Studio Potter, Atlanta, GA – 1974

BSE Elementary/Special Education, Art & Art History for
Children, Westfield State College – 1970

George Walter Vincent Smith Museum Class,
Springfield, MA – 1960-1966

Teaching & Community Experience

Cape Cod Children's Place, Auction Fundraiser –
2012, 2013, 2015

Special Education Inclusion Teacher, Forestdale School,
Sandwich, MA – 1996-2011

Weather Paintings and Poetry with Students,
Forestdale School, Sandwich, MA – 2010

Eastham Cultural Council – 1988-1994

Drawing: A Right Brain Approach, Nauset Adult
Education – 1992-1993

Grant Writer & Director, Afterschool Arts Program,
Eastham Elementary School – 1988, 1989

Solo Exhibitions

Sohns Gallery at the Rock and Art Shop, Bangor, ME –
January-February 2016

Eastham Library – May 2013

Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, Orleans, MA – 2013

Eastham Public Library – 1992, 1993

East Orleans Art and Antiques Gallery - 1990, 1991

First Parish Brewster, MA – 1989

Town Hall Gallery, Orleans, MA – 1989

Brewster Ladies Library – 1979

Group Exhibitions

7th Annual Pastels Invitational, Creative Arts Center, Chatham, MA – 2015

Provincetown Art Association and Museum, 12x12 Auction – 2013-2015

Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod, Members Show – 2010-2015

Provincetown Art Association and Museum, Members Show – 2014

New England Landscape Invitational, Lyme Art Association, CT – September-November 2013

Cape Museum of Art, *Patrick Blackwell and Friends*, Dennis, MA – January-March 2013

Provincetown Art Association and Museum – 1980

Juried Exhibitions

For Pastels Only, *Award*, Cape Cod, MA – 2015

Bangor Art Society, *Best in Show*, Wet Paint Auction Fundraiser – 2014

Cultural Center of Cape Cod, “Great Impressions” Printmakers on Cape Cod, MA – 2014

Painting New England in Pastel, Duxbury Art Complex Museum, MA – September-January 2013

For Pastels Only, Cape Cod, MA – 2013

Richeson75 International Art Competitions, Landscape, Seascape & Architecture – 2013

For Pastels Only, *Award*, Cape Cod, MA – 2012

Galleries

Aries East Gallery, Brewster MA – Present

Eastham Painters’ Guild – 1991-1994

Elf Works Gallery, Wellfleet, MA – 1992

Town Hall Gallery, Orleans, MA – 1989-1992

Billingsgate Gallery, Wellfleet, MA – 1991

Berta Walker Gallery, Provincetown, MA – 1990

Memberships

Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod

PAAM Provincetown Art Association and Museum

Bangor Art Society

Printmakers of Cape Cod

“I look around and see gems everywhere, but most especially in the sunrise woods, old orchards, summer golden ponds, rock rimmed lakes, shaded streams, and bogs of central Maine.”

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