

JEANNE PLEKON



I paint landscapes and local scenery in the Hudson Valley in New York and in the southern California desert. Most of my paintings are done 'en plein air' - meaning 'outdoors,' so a hat, umbrella, bug spray and sunscreen are essential equipment when I paint. I retreat to the comfort of my small studio to put finishing touches and my signature on paintings, and occasionally have painted entirely from a photograph.

After graduating college with a double major in studio art and art history, I earned a Masters in Art History and Museum Studies from the Williams College-Clark Art Institute. At Columbia University I completed all but my dissertation for the PhD, and focused on landscape painting in the 18th and 19th centuries. This study was foundational for my current pursuits, though between then and now, life had other plans for me. Drawing and painting were where my heart was from the start, and now - after a 35 year hiatus in the corporate world - I am back at it. To help develop my art, I have studied with John C. Traynor in New Hampshire, Saim Caglayan in Borrego Springs, CA, Kate McGloughlin in Woodstock, NY, Bill Galen, from Santa Fe, Thomas Jefferson Kitts from Portland, OR, and Scott Prior from Vista, CA.

I paint as often as possible, often with the Lower Hudson Valley Plein Air Painters, the San Diego Plein Air Painters, the Desert Plein Air Painters and the Borrego Springs Plein Air Painters. I exhibit in the ArtEast (Dutchess County, NY) Open Studio Tour, the Pawling Farmers Market, at Live4Art Gallery in Pawling, NY, and at various informal art shows in New England, and in California at the Borrego Art Institute, at the community arts festival called 'The Circle of Art,' and at the Borrego Soroptimists Art Studio Tour.

I have painted many 'house portraits,' often for families who are selling a long-time home and relocating, who want a painting to help remember the home and good-times. Contact me if you are interested. Images of the house portraits are available on my website.

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