

BIOGRAPHY AND ARTIST STATEMENT



MARY LYN GOUGH

BIOGRAPHY: I hail from California but have been in Portland for the last 15 years. Like any artist, as a child I started by painting on the walls. I sold my first painting in 7th grade. Won 1st prize in the County Fair 5 times in a row. Creating a balance of right & left-brain hemispheres, I collected a few college degrees. I augmented my income in my college years through selling art.

ARTIST STATEMENT: Mother Nature is amazing- growing vibrant texture that is alive. I want to capture that to create a visceral experience allowing the viewer to be enveloped.

You want to smell it, or touch- you'd know what it feels like. The visceral experience sparks the senses. Watercolors, they have the transparency of oils, the vibrancy of acrylics with the beguiling nature of water. It is an attempt to control to uncontrollable

I have to paint. I have a love/hate relationship with painting because I don't know how I do it. You can teach the basics of structure, technique of any art process, however to access the 7th element within you cannot be taught. It comes from your soul or intestines, depending on the day.