

GINA T. JUDY



ARTIST'S STATEMENT

"I work objectively in various two-dimensional media, primarily with water-media and mixed-media, and enjoy the fresh, bold, confident mark and the flow of the water to create an artistic-impression. I take my personal life-experiences, as most artists do, to recreate a visual-experience for the viewer. It may be a work of personal commentary, observation, or a re-creation of beauty or otherwise, but hopefully always personal and thoughtful. It's my desire that some or all of the following: contrasting values, captivating composition, interesting viewpoints, solid-technique, and/or confident marks--will cause the viewer-- (while bringing their own background and experiences to the work, as we were taught in college) -- to stay and linger for a while. It's my desire to leave a lasting visual-impression with the viewer that successfully communicates, but more importantly, to create a work of art about which I feel very good."

"This particular work was done 'en plein air' while on vacation in January and its creation was a very enjoyable experience for me."

BIOGRAPHY

Gina Judy (Richmond, OH) is a retired Ohio K-12 public-school art-educator of thirty-plus years whose students won numerous awards during her tenure. She lives in Richmond with her husband of thirty-three years and one of her two grown-daughters, both of whom were adopted from Thailand at the age of 18 months. She taught at all levels, mostly in middle-school and even taught an evening-art-education college course briefly. In 1993 she won the *Citizen of the Year* Award from Wintersville, Ohio for her summer-volunteer work with forty students painting a local-65-foot mural. She holds an MA and BA in Art Education from Ohio University Main Campus and Bethany College, respectively. She retired to care for an ailing-parent who has since passed. Since her retirement she has exhibited in nationally-and regionally-screened shows extensively, winning awards. Recently, she did a six-month part-time teaching stint in a Wintersville, Ohio Christian-School in grades 3-12 to assist them on the unfortunate-loss of their art-teacher in the middle of the year.

Returning to her college first-love of watercolor, she also works with large-scale acrylic canvas painting, pastel, mixed-media, and formerly, wedding-photography, oils, airbrush and printmaking. She often enjoys going to Pittsburgh forty-minutes away to life-draw and loves to plein-air. She is a member of many watercolor societies, including TWSA, AWS, NWS and is signature in Spokane, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pikes Peak, NorthStar (MN), Montana, Kentucky, Alaska, Rhode Island, and Ohio. She also screened and was accepted as a signature-member of the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati within the last year. She is also a juried member of four Pittsburgh art groups, including the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society and serves as a member of the board of the Pittsburgh Society of Artists which she joined in 1984, and currently is Vice-President and was Past-president of her hometown Steubenville Art Association.