

Laurel Lovrek

Artist Statement

My painting is in a period of materials exploration. Previously I worked only in pastels, but then added oils, always working plein air or studio painting based on those observations.

Oil pastels on oil painted canvases are new. They are treated as a draughting tool and a paintbrush. Now I've moved the oil pastels to paper.

The paintings are changing size as well. I started painting plein air with fairly sizable canvases, 12 x 24. Then shrunk to 5 x 7 on the advice of more experienced artists. With the influence of the Butler Studio the paintings are large again as well as stylistically searching.

Biography

My Architectural Life

Cooper Union, Bachelor of Architecture, 1967

Professional Architectural Practice, Princeton and Philadelphia, 1972-2002.

Head of Princeton firm 1979 to 1990.

My Painting Life

Summer and weekend drawing classes, Cleveland Institute of Art

Art Major in High School

Plein Air:

1998 - 2014 Independent drawing and painting in Florida, Hawaii and North Carolina

2011 - 2014 Member of North Carolina Plein Air Painters

2013 Member Western North Carolina Plein Air Painters

2012 - 2014 Member Toe River Valley Plein Air Painters

2014, 2016 First and Third North Carolina Plein Air Open, Salisbury NC

Arts Organizations:

Blue Ridge Fine Arts Guild

2009 -2019 Member

2012- 2014 Guild Secretary

Toe River Arts Council

2007-2019 Member, paint-outs and small business workshops

Appalachian Pastel Society

2009 & 2012 Member