

MEG LEONARD

Meg Leonard is a landscape painter who lives in New Mexico. Her paintings have a quality of atmosphere and depth with a colorist/impressionist approach. She begins the artwork hiking, making visual and mental notes in pastel as ideas, tonality of light, and structure come together. In the studio, these notes become larger oils on canvas. Her awards include representing the artists from State of Wisconsin, where she lived for 30 years, to Chiba, Japan as a Cultural Ambassador, and creating the poster for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. She has created books for children, using handmade paper, cutting and folding popups, adding words and illustrations. She studied fine arts and nursing at Miami University, OH. Later studies included Decorative Painting and Faux Finishes at the nation's most prestigious schools, and earned commissions in Sienna Italy, Central Park South, NYC, and Atlanta.

Currently selected as an Artist in Residence with the National Parks, she is residing in Glacier National Park. This is especially a significant commemoration. Leonard first visited Glacier in 1976 as a new college grad from the Midwest with 2 other young nurses. Because of this Residency, she is completing her career as a registered nurse and is returning to the landscape that inspired her to live in the West, to paint the wonder and majesty of this precious land.