

Sharon Falk

My paintings are inspired by the fields and wetlands where I live. Walking through them is a journey of expanded time surrounded by the images and sounds of the seasons evolving. I paint wild things: birds, and botanical forms, as though I can see time and energy moving through them, lifting upward and vibrating outward. I seek to observe the patterns and rhythms that are created in nature, and to portray the aura of a subject with a glow from an unknown source. I think of these wild things as mirrors of us, spinning their world, in the language of cornfields and birds; they sing the world into being around us.

Growing up in Arizona, I was surrounded by a rich sense of light and color and wide western lands. I studied painting at the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles, achieving my BFA and first solo exhibition. Working in television for many years as a courtroom sketch artist for CBS News to cover historic court proceedings for broadcast kept me drawing every day and reinforced my instincts to capture a subject quickly. I came to New York and earned my MFA in painting from the School of Visual Arts, and received the Paula Rhodes Award at graduation. After moving to Rockland County, exhibitions at the Arts Alliance of Haverstraw, Pomona Cultural Center, Garnerville Arts, The Class of 1929 Art Gallery at West Point, and the Gallery at the Rockefeller Park Preserve have brought my paintings to a wider audience; and I was honored by the Arts Alliance with being selected their Artist of the Year 2009. I have taught painting and drawing at Pace University, Bergen Community College and Westchester Community College; and have been the recipient of artist residencies in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Woodstock, New York; and Gatlinburg Tennessee; and have paintings in numerous collections.

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