

STEPHANIE AMATO

Stephanie was born and raised on Long Island, NY. Although she chose computer programming as her first career, her passion for drawing and painting prompted her to pursue an education in Visual Art. She entered the Illustration program at Parson's School of Design in New York City and continued her training at Mason Gross School of the Arts and the Art Students League in Manhattan. During her education, Stephanie also obtained a degree as a Graphic Designer. This has given her the knowledge to create work that is strong in both concept and design.

Stephanie later moved to New Jersey where she established a Graphic Design business, as well as advanced her career as a fine artist. She has participated in many local and national exhibitions, receiving top awards and recognition for her work. She is a Signature Member of the American Impressionist Society, Signature Member of the Pastel Society of New Jersey, Resident Member of the NYC Salmagundi Club, Member of the Oil Painters of America, Portrait Society of Atlanta, and the former President of "The New Jersey Society of Plein Air Painters" 2009-2012.

"I work in the alla prima style painting impressionistic landscapes, seascapes and floral compositions in oils and pastels. My reaction to the scene is what creates the energy and movement I express in the piece."

Stephanie currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia and continues to work both in her studio and outdoors on location.

EDUCATION:

Parsons School of Design - (1995-1997)
Mason Gross School of the Arts - (1997-1999)
Raritan Valley Community College - (2001-2003)
New York Academy
Art Students League NYC

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Impressionist Society – *Signature Member*
NJ Society of Plein Air Painters – *President 2009-2012*
Oil Painters of America
Pastel Society of New Jersey – *Signature Member*
Portrait Society of Atlanta
Salmagundi Club – *Resident Member*

AWARDS:

2018 - Atlanta Artist Center Back to the Drawing Board – Honorable Mention - “Reclining Nude”
2018 - Cashiers Plein Air Paint out – 3rd Place “Camp Waterlilies”
2017 - Atlanta Artist Center Back to the Drawing Board – 3rd Place - “Kate’s Last Dance”
2016 - En Plein Air Texas – People’s Choice Award – “Morning Reflections”
2016 - Salmagundi Club Annual Thumb Box Exhibition – Merit Award – “Boathouse Revisited”
2016 - Salmagundi Club's Annual Nautical Exhibition – Merit Award - "The Sarah Jenny"
2016 - Salmagundi Club's Spring Auction - 2nd Place - "Mandarins with Silver Bowl"
2015 - Salmagundi Club's Annual Nautical Exhibition - 2nd Place - "Wednesday Evening Regatta"
2014 - Salmagundi Club's Sylvia Maria Glesmann Exhibition - Merit Award - "Pink Peonies"
2014 - Salmagundi Club's Spring Auction - Kent & Helen Coes SCNY Award - "Central Park Reflections"
2013 - Pastel Society of New Jersey - Pastel of America Award of Excellence - "Oranges, Lemons and Blossoms"
2013 - High Bridge Plein Air - 2nd Place - "Golden Light"
2013 - Bayonet Arts Festival - 2nd Place - "Hay Bales Along Potterville Road"
2011 - Plein Air Vermont - Honorable Mention- "After the Storm"
2010 - Bayonet Arts Festival - 1st Place - "Rainy Day Paint ut"
2010 - NJSPAP Annual Pain tout - Best Landscape - "The Cross Estate"
2009 - Pastel Society of New Jersey – Best in Show - "The Birdhouse"
2009 - Palisades Highway Art Gallery - Billboard Artist (Rt. 202/Old York Rd, NJ) - "Mt. Prospect Elementary"
2009 - Jerry’s Aratarama - Charvin Plein Air Classic - 1st Place - "42nd Street"
2009 - Jerry’s Aratarama - Charvin Plein Air Classic - Honorable Mention - "Reeves Reed Statue"
2009 - New Jersey Center For the Visual Arts - Honorable Mention "John on the Mountain"
2009 - Tuckerton Paint Out - 2nd Place - "The Blue House"
2008 - Bayonet Arts Festival - 2nd Place - "The Barn at Bayonet Farm"
2007 - Fredericks Art Gallery - Honorable Mention- "The Garden Show"
2006 - Tewksbury Historical Society - 2nd Place – Still Life Category
2006 - Tewksbury Historical Society - Honorable Mention – Landscape Category
1999 - Arts council of Long Island Annual Show - 2nd Place
1999 - Arts council of Long Island Annual Show - Honorable Mention
1996 - Parsons School of Design's T-Shirt Logo Competition - 2nd Place

JURIED INVITATIONALS & EXHIBITIONS:

2018 - Atlanta Artist Center – Back to the Drawing Board
2018 - Alpharetta Art Center Inaugural Invitational, GA
2018 - Salmagundi Club Annual Fall Auction
2018 - American Impressionist Society 18th Annual Exhibition, WI
2018 - Cashier's Plein Air Invitational, Cashiers, NC
2018 - Olmstead Plein Air Invitational, Atlanta, GA
2018 - American Impressionist Society Small Works Showcase, OH
2017 - Salmagundi Club Thumb Box Exhibition
2017 - Salmagundi Club Annual Members Invitational
2017 - American Impressionist Society 17th Annual Exhibition
2017 - Portrait Society of Atlanta Annual Exhibition
2017 - Lighthouse Plein Air, Palm Beach, FL

2017 - American Impressionist Society Small Works Showcase, CA
2017 - Salmagundi Sylvia Maria Glesmann Exhibition
2016 - En Plein Air Texas, TX
2016 - Salmagundi Club Thumb Box Exhibition
2016 - Salmagundi Club Annual Nautical Show
2016 - Salmagundi Club Annual Landscape Show
2016 - Quinlan Art Center Annual Gala, GA
2015 - En Plein Air Texas, TX
2015 - Paint Annapolis, MD
2015 - Quinlan Art Center Annual Members Exhibition, GA
2015 - DAR Annual Art Exhibition, Bernardsville, NJ
2014 - Olana Plein Air Invitational, NY
2014 - Plein Air Easton, Easton MD
2014 - Salmagundi Club Annual Members Exhibition
2014 - Salmagundi Club Annual Spring Auction
2014 - Salmagundi Club Annual Black and White Exhibition
2013 - Dacia Gallery Annual Landscape Exhibition, SOHO, NY
2013 - Salmagundi Club Annual Thumb-box Exhibition
2013 - Salmagundi Club Annual Fall Auction
2013 - American Impressionist Society's 14th Annual Exhibition, Charleston, SC
2013 - Plein Air Easton, Easton MD
2012 - American Impressionist Society's 13th Annual Exhibition, Indianapolis, IN
2012 - 3rd Annual Plein Air Vermont, VT
2012 - 3rd Annual Cranford Paint Out, Cranford, NJ
2012 - Chadd's Ford Plein Air Competition, PA
2012 - Duke Foundation Plein Air Invitational, NJ
2011 - 2nd Annual Plein Air Vermont, VT
2011 - 2nd Annual Cranford Paint Out, Cranford, NJ
2011 - Art in Bloom, New Vernon, NJ
2011 - 30th Anniversary of the Great Swamp Watershed Association, NJ
2010 - St. John on the Mountain Annual Art Show, Bernardsville, NJ
2010 - Bayonet Arts Festival Plein Air Invitational, Holmdel, NJ
2010 - Pastel Society of NJ Annual Juried Show, Caldwell, NJ
2010 - 1st Annual Cranford Paint Out - Cranford, NJ
2010 - PSNJ Signature Members Exhibition, Bernardsville, NJ
2010 - Four Voices at Riverfest – Frenchtown, NJ
2010 - NJSPAP Plein Air Invitational – Bernardsville, NJ
2009 - Pastel Society of NJ Annual Juried Show, Caldwell, NJ
2009 - Hilltop Invitational, Sparta, NJ
2009 - Bayonet Arts Festival Plein Air Invitational, Holmdel, NJ
2009 - Bois Fine Art Gallery of New Hope Plein Air Invitational, PA
2009 - Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Summit, NJ
2009 - NJSPAP Plein Air Invitational – New Hope, PA
2009 - Windows At Garmany - James Yarosh Gallery, Red Bank, NJ
2008 - Pastel Society of NJ Annual Juried Show, Caldwell, NJ
2008 - Hilltop Country Day School Invitational, Sparta, NJ
2008 - Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Art Show, Oldwick, NJ
2008 - 5th Annual Art in the Park, Peapack, NJ
2008 - Bayonet Arts Festival Plein Air Invitational, Holmdel, NJ
2007 - Pastel Society of NJ Annual Juried Show, Caldwell, NJ
2007 - St. John on the Mountain Annual Art Show, Bernardsville, NJ
2007 - Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Art Show, Oldwick, NJ
2007 - Hilltop Country Day School, Sparta, NJ
2007 - Bayonet Arts Festival Plein Air Invitational, Holmdel, NJ
2007 - Fredericks Gallery, Allendale, NJ
2007 - Art in Bloom, Harding, NJ
2006 - Hilltop Country Day School, Sparta, NJ
2006 - Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Art Show, Oldwick, NJ
2006 - Pastel Society of NJ Annual Juried Show, Morristown, NJ
2006 - Lamington Presbyterian Church, NJ

2005 - Louisa Melrose Gallery, Frenchtown, NJ
2005 - Pastel Society of New Jersey – Inaugural Exhibit
2005 - Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Art Show, Oldwick, NJ
2004 - Far Hills 2nd Annual Art in the Park, Far Hills, NJ
2004 - Louisa Melrose Gallery, Frenchtown, NJ
2004 - Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Art Show, Oldwick, NJ
2003 - Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Art Show, Oldwick, NJ
2003 - Far Hills 1st Annual Art in the Park, Far Hills, NJ
2002 - Garrison Art Center–Fall Artist on Location and Silent Auction
2002 - Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Art Show, Oldwick NJ
2002 - Bernardsville Library, NJ En Plein Air Society-Bernardsville, NJ
2002 - Garrison Art Center–Spring Artist on Location & Silent Auction
2002 - Raritan Valley Community College, NJ
2001 - Art For Freedom (benefit victim's families of 9/11) Oldwick, NJ
2001 - Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Show, Oldwick NJ
2001 - Garrison Art Center–Fall Artist on Location
2001 - Garrison Art Center–Spring Artist on Location
2001 - Louisa Melrose Gallery, Sunflowers in February, Doylestown, PA
2000 - 4th Annual Pahaquarry Paint Out, Blairstown, NJ
2000 - Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Art Show, Oldwick NJ
1999 - Mountain Art Show, Bernardsville, NJ
1999 - Somerset Art miniature show, Bedminster, NJ
1999 - Arts Council of Long Island's Annual Art Show, NY
1996 - Parsons School of Design Annual Students Show, NYC