

JUDY McSWEEN

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ARTIST SUMMARY

Abstract landscape painter exploring the restorative and clarifying effects of time spent outdoors. Through layered, intuitive techniques informed by field sketches, environmental observation, and sensory experience, I create paintings that offer viewers a moment of calm, connection, and presence.

EDUCATION

BFA, Specialization in Painting, Magna Cum Laude

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio (1983)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 — *Presence*, Dare Gallery, Charleston, SC

2025 — *Lost and Found*, Dare Gallery, Charleston SC

2024 — *Free Your Mind*, Dare Gallery, Charleston SC

2023 — *The Ireland Collection Preview*, Charleston SC

Transported, Dare Gallery, Charleston SC

2022 — *Road Trippin'*, Dare Gallery, Charleston SC

2017 — *Take Me With You*, North Charleston City Gallery, SC

2016 — *Wash Over Me*, Saul Alexander Gallery, Charleston SC

AWARDS & HONORS

2024 — People's Choice Award & Award of Distinction, *Perspectives Abstract*

2023 — Second Place, *We See: Creating From Verse*

Honorable Mention, *Amethyst* (online)

2022 — Best Painting Award, Piccolo Spoleto Exhibition

2019 — Honorable Mention, Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Exhibition

2018 — Second Prize, *Tales of the Sea*, Sea Haven MI

2017 — Design Winner, North Charleston Art Festival

2016 — Award of Excellence, Champions for the Arts

2014 — Honorable Mention (Acrylics), North Charleston Fine Arts Festival

2013 — Honorable Mention (Oil), North Charleston Fine Arts Festival

TEACHING & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2026 — Guest Artist Critique, Charleston Artist Guild

2026 — *Abstract Painting*, Redux Art Center, Charleston, SC

2025 — *Break Free! Beginning Abstract Painting*, Redux Art Center, Charleston SC

2024 — *Break Free & Loosen Up!*, Redux Contemporary Art at WildAcres, NC

2023 — *Finding and Painting the Essence of Landscape*, WildAcres, NC

Mixed Media Exploration, WildAcres, NC

2021 — Live Painting Demonstration, North Charleston Fine Arts Festival

Guest Artist Critique, Charleston Artist Guild

2019 — Live Painting Demonstration, Charleston Food & Wine Festival

Additional Teaching Focus: Experienced educator leading workshops for adults of all skill levels, emphasizing observational methods, abstraction, creative confidence, and a process-driven approach to artistic development.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 — Piccolo Spoleto Juried Art Exhibition, Charleston SC

2024 — Big Tiny Show, District Gallery, Knoxville TN

In My Backyard, NOT REAL ART (online)

Perspectives: The Art of Abstract (online)

2023 — Big Tiny Show, District Gallery, Knoxville TN

no place like home, MidwestNice (virtual)

Amethyst, Envision Arts (online)

Piccolo Spoleto Juried Art Exhibition, Charleston SC

We See: Creating From Verse, NAWA SC (online)

It's a Colorful Life, NAWA, Flushing Bank, NYC

Depth Perception, Wellfleet MA

2022 — Big Tiny Show, District Gallery, Knoxville TN

Artists Collective Annual Juried Exhibition, Spartanburg SC

Piccolo Spoleto Juried Art Exhibition, Charleston SC

ArtFields, Lake City SC

2021 — Piccolo Spoleto Juried Art Exhibition, Charleston SC

2020 — New Members Exhibition, NAWA (online)

Abstracts Matter, Gallery 311, Raleigh NC

Human.Kind, Edward Dare Gallery, Charleston SC

2019 — Piccolo Spoleto Juried Outdoor Art Exhibition, Charleston SC

2018 — Atalaya Juried Fine Arts Festival, Huntington Beach SP, SC

Tales of the Sea, Sea Haven MI
Piccolo Spoleto Juried Outdoor Art Exhibition, Charleston SC

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- Field sketching and on-site landscape research
- Public workshops and community arts engagement
- Live demonstrations and artist talks