Janice Gay Maker

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Artist Janice Gay Maker is known for her brilliant use of color. Working in both oil paint and oil pastel, she creates lively, passionate vistas from observation in the natural landscape. Janice is often outside, at work - composing plein air paintings. . . but can also be found in her working studio-gallery at the d'Art Center in downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

When not painting in her studio, Janice is a skilled and compassionate teacher of oil and oil pastel painting. She leads classes & workshops in several of this area's art centers, privately in her studio or on location, since 1994. She has won many juried art show awards and her work is included in numerous collections across the US, Great Britain, Europe and Japan.

Living near Boston, I had the opportunity to make frequent visits to many of the prestigious museums of that region including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Gardner Museum where I always found myself drawn to the Impressionist Galleries. Like these artists, I am inspired by nature and the ever-changing quality of light which progresses with the seasons and the hours of the day. I use the colors of my palette to convey my love of nature and its emotional effects on my soul.

There is a spirit in nature that touches our senses. It makes us feel whole...it makes us feel satisfied. The dawn and the dusk hours are particularly intriguing to me as this time presents its veil of mystery. Its colors like our impressions are continually changing from moment to moment. The intent of my work is to discover the soul of the landscape. Here there is a past, present and future.

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