

Nancy Davis Johnson

Nancy has taken art courses at Cornell University and studied painting in several workshops. Since 1989, she has devoted her efforts to painting full-time. During her career, she has won awards for her work in oil and watercolor and has been juried into local, regional, national and international shows.



She has found that the medium of watercolor provides her with a most satisfying and versatile way to express her love of the natural world. Much of the inspiration for her paintings comes from summer sailing trips along the coast of Maine, exploring this beautiful part of New England from an ocean-side perspective.



She often works from photos, since sailing is usually not compatible with on-site painting. They are used as reference material to re-create the emotional impact of a scene. The process of looking through the lens at the landscape allows her to search out a center of interest more easily and record details that might otherwise be overlooked. Sometimes elements from three or four photos are used in the composition for maximum effect. She may change the light, weather or anything else that helps to tell her story.

"The greatest challenge to me as an artist is to communicate my reasons for creating a painting, to convey to the observer the essence of a scene and the emotion it inspired in me. When I can accomplish that, I know the painting is a success."

Publications: Her work was included in an article in the summer, 1996 issue of "Watercolor" magazine, a national quarterly publication of "American Artist" magazine.

"International Artist" magazine has included one of her paintings in its 2004 book titled: "How Did You Paint That? 100 Ways to Paint Landscapes, Vol. 1".

Nancy holds signature memberships in the New England Watercolor Society and the New Hampshire Art Association.

To view more of her work, please visit www.nancydavisjohnson.com

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Juried Shows - partial listing

- 2015 N.E.W.S. Signature Members Show, at the Guild of Boston Artists, Boston, MA**
- 2014 15th Annual Joan L. Dunfey Memorial Open Juried Exhibition, Levy Gallery, Portsmouth, NH
- 2012 13th Annual Joan L. Dunfey Memorial Open Juried Exhibition, Levy Gallery, Portsmouth, NH
- 2012 Prescott Park Arts Festival, Open Juried Exhibition, Portsmouth, NH
- 2011 12th Annual Joan L. Dunfey Memorial Open Juried Exhibition, Levy Gallery, Portsmouth, NH
- 2011 25th Annual Omer T. Lassonde Juried Exhibition, Levy Gallery, Portsmouth, NH
- 2010 NH Art Association's 62nd Annual Currier Museum Exhibition, Manchester, NH**
- 2010 San Diego Watercolor Society's 30th Annual International Exhibition, San Diego, CA**
- 2007 NH Art Association's 59th Annual Exhibition, UNH Art Gallery, Durham, NH**
- 2005 N.E. Watercolor Society's Regional Juried Exhibition, Saco Museum, Saco, ME**
- 2003 N.E. Watercolor Society's New England Juried Show, Attleboro Museum, Attleboro, MA**
- 2003 NH Art Association's 55th Annual Currier Museum Exhibition, Manchester, NH**
- 2000 Arts for the Parks Competition, (in Top 100), National Park Academy of the Arts, Jackson Hole, WY**
- 1996 NH Art Association's 50th Annual Exhibition, Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, NH**
- 1996 N.E. Watercolor Society's 5th North American Open Show, Fed. Reserve Bank Gallery, Boston, MA**
- 1995 N.E. Watercolor Society's Regional Open Juried Exhibition, "Watervisions", Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA**
- 1992 Georgia Miniature Art Society, 7th Annual International Miniature Art Show, Gallery 300, Atlanta, GA**