

BUSINESS PROFILE

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Mary Erickson Fine Paintings



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Grace and Beauty - White Egrets
20" x 24" Oil on Linen
Painting for the Artists for
Conservation show, proceeds of
sale go to conservation efforts.

Take a moment to appreciate the artworks created by Mary Erickson, and you may feel yourself transported to a peaceful environment, where the play of the light and shadow makes itself visible to your eye. Her paintings offer a close-up view of beautiful birds, a sunrise sparkling over a coastal setting, and an array of skillfully rendered vistas that open a window into the delights of the natural world.



Caspersen Sanderling, 6" x 8" Oil on Linen



Poppies! 6" x 10" Oil on Paper, plein air
Painted in France; to be featured in April 2018 show in North Carolina

A lifelong devotee of the arts and ardent conservationist, Mary's work embodies her respect for the environment and her passion for protecting untouched and undeveloped areas for their natural inhabitants. She shares that for her recent show, "Making Art, Making a Difference," held in Charlotte, N.C., she gave a speech, sharing with the audience about the many natural artists, such as J.N. "Ding" Darling, who were instrumental in conserving vital lands. In that tradition, Mary is leaving her own land legacy by dedicating her 39-acre property, High Ridge Gardens, to future

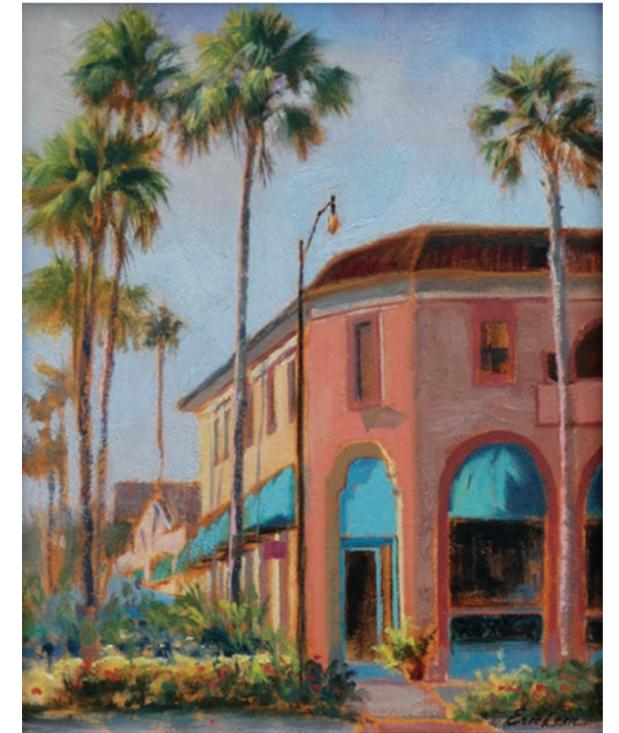
generations so that it can continue to be utilized as an artist retreat and bird sanctuary. Additionally, she sets aside 100 prints from every print edition exclusively for raising funds for conservation, preservation, and educational organizations throughout America. She notes, "Every painting I complete brings me one step closer to that goal."

As an artist, Mary began painting professionally in 1993 and her career has flourished ever since. In addition to receiving numerous



Another Day in Paradise, 7" x 10" Oil on Linen, plein air

accolades and awards over the years, she is a member of the Oil Painters of America, the American Impressionist Society, and the American Society of Marine Artists. Mary was recently honored when one of her paintings was selected by Artists for Conservation to be included in a show that debuted in British Columbia, and will continue traveling through the United States and Asia until 2018.



Corner Building Venice 10" x 8" Oil on Linen, plein air

Traveling abroad to destinations such as Argentina, Guatemala, Ireland and Spain, as well as throughout the United States, Mary often makes excursions on her own or with groups of other professional artists, trips that she believes have contributed significantly to her continuing growth as an artist. During her recent three-week journey in France, she produced a number of paintings which will be showcased at Elder Fine Art in Charlotte, N.C. in April, 2018. If you want to see her work closer to home, she is represented by both Palm Avenue Fine Art in Sarasota and Sheldon Fine Art in Naples.

Although she makes many journeys and spends time in Maine and North Carolina throughout the year, Mary shares that, to her, Venice is always her home base. During the peak of season, she holds monthly open studio times and participates in the Venice Art Walks, scheduled for Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5, 2018. While she's in town, Mary notes that she often paints locally at Caspersen Beach and in the downtown area, inviting, "If you see me painting, stop by and say 'Hi!'"

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