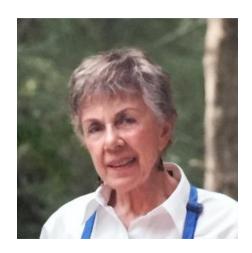
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## **ARTIST STATEMENT**

I paint for the love of painting.

During the 35 years of my art involvement I have seen many shifts and transformations in my themes, styles, mediums and composition. I treasured the watercolors of my early work, I was passionate about pastel painting, but in recent years oil painting - especially on abstracted themes has become a passion for me. I find the intensity and the richness of using a palette knife and color-mixing in oils to be compelling and joyful.

Inherent in all my work is an effort to portray the essence, the emotion, or sense of place that captures my imagination. With my abstract paintings, I find excitement in integrating my love of antique structures or landscapes with vibrant color and abstracted shapes.

I acknowledge that traveling to foreign countries, experimentation with new techniques, or even just a certain light in a color or upon a scene can inspire my paintings. However, my real motivation to paint is the joy in the process rather than the product.