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ABOUT MARILYN SIMANDLE

"Art is like a foot print which shows that one has walked bravely in joy."

Marilyn Simandle is an internationally known oil and water color painter. At the age of six, and learning from her mother, a musician and painter, Marilyn started painting watercolors. She has always known that she would become a professional artist. After receiving her BA Arts Degree from San Jose State University along with decades of discipline and dedicated practice, Marilyn has gone on to share her inspirations with the world. She is credentialed as a Master with OPAM, NWS, and AWS (Oil Painters of America, National Water Color Society, and American Water Color Society). She has authored two books, "Capturing Light in Watercolor" and "Contagious Enthusiasm", both of which reflect her mantra "It takes a lot of practice to become a professional".

A native Californian, she now resides in Alabama, where she explores all her passions: painting, gardening, and playing the piano. The former flight attendant is an avid traveler and photographer that keep her fully stocked with subject matter for painting. Her late husband and acclaimed artist, Ted Goerschner, graduated to be with the Lord in 2012. She remarried in March of 2015 and is now thoroughly enjoying her new husband and his support in her grand adventure.

In her "Painterly Style", Marilyn tries to convey her own personal beliefs of what art truly is. Her mentors are John Singer Sargent and Joaquin Sorolla. The artist's role is to make the ordinary extraordinary. She loves to explore the interplay of light and shadow and its effects on the subject matter. Her painting compositions engage her collectors with uplifting shapes, values, and exciting colors, tonal relations and depth. Marilyn believes it is far better to leave a painting more unfinished rather than with too much detail so the viewer can complete the painting. It is more free to view a single brush stroke done with energy and confidence that 100 strokes done with drudgery.

Marilyn often says "You become what you behold". This is ever so evident in her paintings. Peace, joy, rest and comfort are realized by her followers and collectors through her work. A student of Marilyn's successful workshops was once heard to say to Marilyn, "You have given me a new insight to painting and have instilled in me courage and inspiration to keep painting."

Marilyn Simandle - "A photo is what it is. A painting is what you want it to be."

