

Clara Sue Beym

Designer & Fine Artist

Biography and Creative Vision

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Clara "Sue" was exposed to art as a young child, watching and learning from her German grandfather as he painted his European landscapes. Clara Susan has been painting with watercolors since she was in Catholic grammar school, where the nuns thought it was an excellent discipline to paint one watercolor every week. Clara Sue continued to pursue fine art and advertising design in high school and college. She graduated from Mercer County Community College with a degree in Advertising Design, where she also studied textile art and painting. She furthered her art education with studies in Architectural Design and Computer Graphics. Clara Sue was employed as an award-winning graphic designer at ETS in Princeton, NJ for 25 years.

Clara Sue likes to interpret the beauty of nature using bright colors and bold brush strokes. She is very influenced by Impressionism. While preferring to paint in watercolor, Sue also paints in oil and is experimenting with pastels. Painting Plein Air in coastal areas and on vacations helps to keep her work, fresh and spontaneous. Photography has always been a favorite passion and helps to keep her inspired. Susan has shown her work at local libraries, the Ocean County Courthouse and local galleries. She is an active member of Ocean County Artist Guild, Garden State Watercolor Society, where she is on the executive board, Pine Shores Art Association, Toms River Arts Council and West Windsor Arts Council. Clara Sue recently designed a 104 page book for the Pine Shores Art Organization.

Clara Sue paints animals, portraits, historic buildings, houses and landscapes of coastal areas and natural areas that surround her home in Bayville's coastal area of the Barnegat Bay. Sue has sold prints of her work, as well as originals to collectors throughout the country. She has been commissioned to paint numerous renderings of vacation homes and family homes as well as renderings of NY loft buildings and an office building for the departing president of ETS. She has donated several paintings to Hurricane Sandy Relief and donates art yearly to various fundraisers. Her artwork is in the permanent collection of the Hamilton Twp Historical Society, Mercer County Division of Culture & Heritage and in the Berkeley Twp Historical Museum. Several of her paintings have been published on book covers, magazine covers, posters and featured in local newspapers. Clara was recently awarded first place in the Ocean County Senior Arts Exhibit for watercolor.

Exhibitions

- 2009 Home Fine Art Gallery, Mount Holly NJ
- 2010 ETS Employee Art Show, Princeton NJ
- 2010 West Windsor Arts Council An Exploration of Winter in Art, West Windsor NJ
- 2010 July Ocean County Photography Juried show
- 2012 Ocean County Artists State Juried Show. Island Heights NJ,
- 2012 Garden State Watercolor Society, Annual Juried Show, Stockton NJ
- 2012 Office of Historic Sites - New Jersey State History Fair Art Exhibit, Stockton NJ
- 2012 TAWA-Trenton Makes- Trenton/NY Exhibit, Ellarslie Museum
- 2013 Mercer County Community College, Mercer County Artists juried show, Mercerville NJ
- 2013 Garden State Watercolor Society, Annual Juried Show, Stockton NJ
- 2013 Ocean County Artists State Juried Show. Island Heights NJ,
- 2013 West Windsor Arts Council "Off the Wall" show

- 2014 West Windsor Arts Council “Out of the Blue” Exhibit
- 2014 D & R Greenway Johnson Education Center, “Disappearing Oasis and Mirage”
- 2015 Garden State Watercolor Society Juried exhibit, Middletown, NJ
- 2016 West Windsor Arts Council “Off the Wall” show
- 2017 West Windsor Arts Council “Natural Muse” show
- 2017 D & R Greenway Johnson Education Center, “Feather and Flight”
- 2018 Garden State Watercolor Society, Annual Juried Show, Ellarslie Trenton City Museum
- 2018 West Windsor Arts Council, “Off the Wall” Show
- 2019 West Windsor Arts Council, Juried show “Fiction”
- 2019 Invitational show at Ocean County Library Little Egg Harbor along with 3 other artists.
- 2019 Invitational Show at Ocean County College with TRAC
- 2020 Pine Shores Art Show Themed monthly online
- 2020 Garden State Watercolor Society, Small But Mighty Show
- 2020 Various Monthly Shows at Toms River Arts
- 2021 Various Pine Shores Exhibits online and in Tuckerton Gallery
- 2021 Garden State Watercolor Society Member Exhibit
- 2021 West Windsor Floral Persuasion Juried Exhibit
- 2021 GSWS Small but Mighty Exhibit
- 2021/2022 Dec and January by Invitation Solo exhibit at Berkeley Twp library
- 2022 OCAG Juried Exhibit
- 2022 OCAG Member Exhibits
- 2022 Tuckerton Boro Hall
- 2022 LBI – Beach Haven Boro Hall
- 2022 Toms River/ Senior Art Exhibit – First Place award in Watercolor
- 2022 GSWS Member Exhibit
- 2022 GSWS Small But Mighty Exhibit

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