

## GAIL BEEM



Art is a communication between the artist and the viewer.

Art has a spiritual aspect—it comes from within. Color is my mode of expression. Colors are my words. Color is a language in of itself, full of vibration, energy, and expression. I paint spontaneously, intuitively, allowing the color to flow in a multitude of possibilities, arranging and rearranging those “words” in an exploration of possibility, to express myself through the language of color.

An exploration in color, an exploration of possibility, each piece emerges and develops, expressing the joy and energy I experience in the world around me. Then, like the poet, I leave it and give the viewer to whom it then belongs the freedom to find his/her own truth and beauty. My paintings, like a piece of poetry, are an invitation to join me in a response to the world.

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Gail Beem, known for her strong use of color, is a Pittsburgh based artist whose work has been recognized both regionally and nationally. Selected as a finalist in the *Artist's Magazine* 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Competition, awarded the First Place Award In the Pastel Painters of Maine's 13<sup>th</sup> International Juried Exhibition for Pastels Only, and an Honor Award in the Richeson 75 International Pastel Exhibit, she has exhibited in the Northeast National Pastel Exhibition in Old Forge, New York, the Pastel National at the Wichita Center for the Arts, the Three Rivers Arts Festivals, the Rittenhouse Square Fine Arts Festivals in Philadelphia, the Boston Mills Arts Festival, and the Richeson 75 International Landscape and Pastel Exhibits as well as numerous other regional juried and invitational art shows including Plein Air Mt. Lebanon and this year's Plein Air Pittsburgh.

Gail has taught numerous workshops and given many demonstrations in the Pittsburgh area focusing on color and pastel. She is a Signature Member of both the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League and the Central Pennsylvania Pastel Society and is past president of the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League.