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Watercolor has been my passion since I began painting in earnest in 1997. I have been blessed to study under many wonderful teachers. Many in the Long Island NY area, and here as well. I consider myself an experimental artist. I draw ideas from my environment, use many different papers, find textures to enhance my work, and in all of this I basically use only three colors to create any combination I see.

I began teaching in my hometown in the early 2000's. I taught many budding artists to create for their pure enjoyment. I say. . . "paint what you love" and therefore "love what you paint".



For me, this philosophy works, so I share it. Everyone has their own way of doing things. I encourage that. I endeavor to help my students see the backside of a leaf as they walk, to expect the unexpected, to view small things as never before.