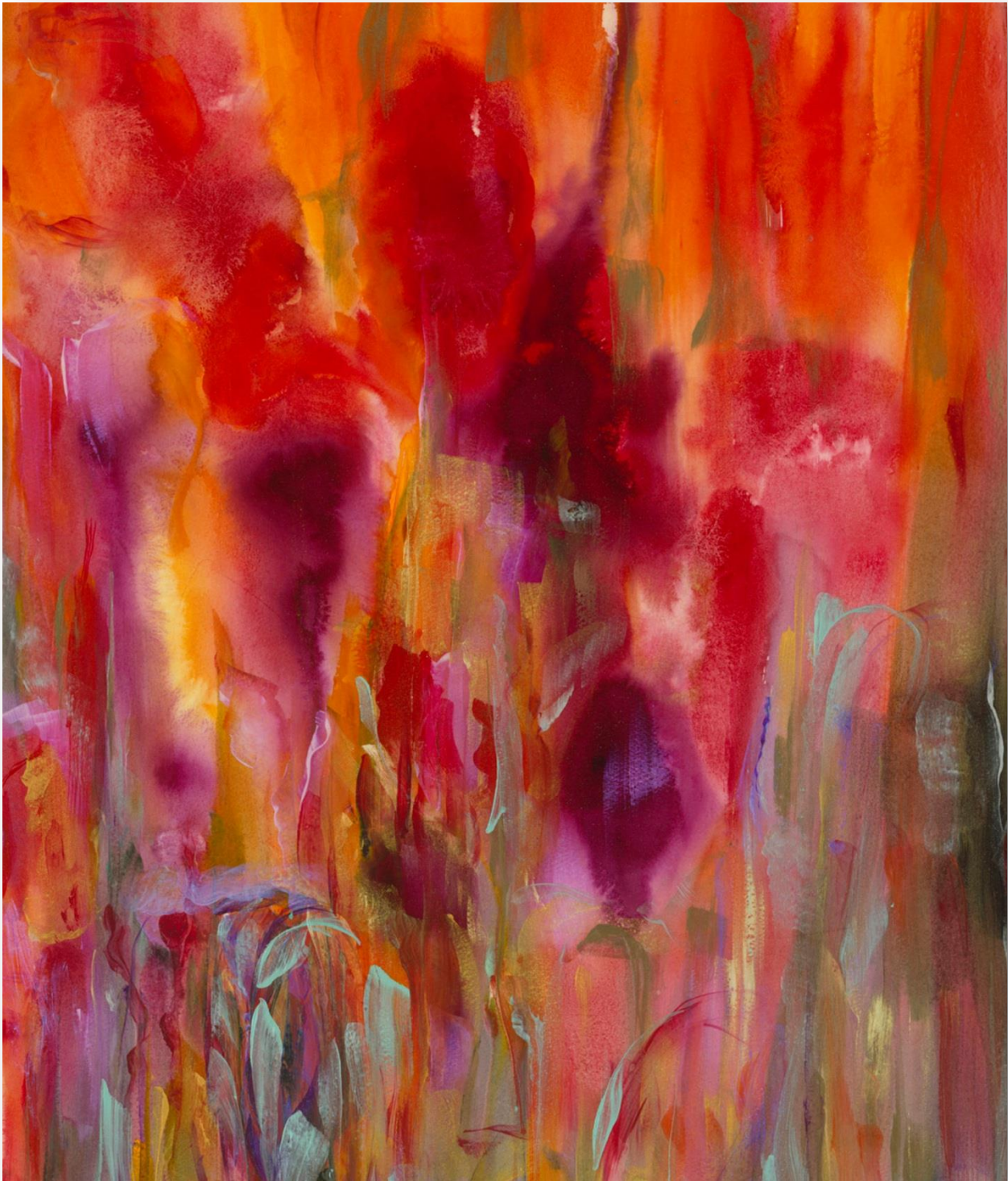


With the spirit of an artist, we celebrate Love, Life, and Creativity.

– *Diane E. Vaughn*



# ARTIST STATEMENT

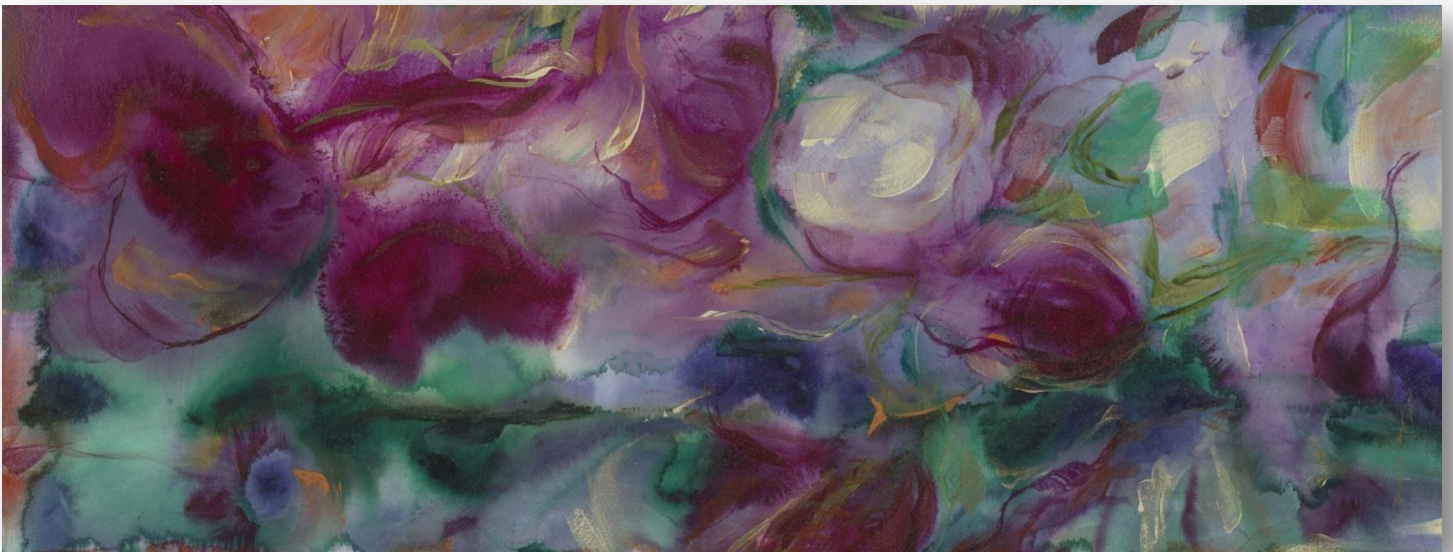
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For many years, I have watched my paintings pile under my bed, line the walls of my home, and stack high on my classroom desk. Like silent, patient, new friends asking nothing of me except an occasional remembrance. In our solitude, I have enjoyed unabashed parenthood with my art. Nurturing and watching their growth, growing in my skill, and continuously trying to create the next visual symphony to add to my collection. Painting is a ritual to me. I too understand the pride and passion every artist feels for their work. My paintings are an honest expression of who I am.

Perhaps the greatest reward for me is to watch people linger before my paintings. Curiosity, love, passion, and depth are rediscovered with each luminous glance.

The Beginning.

*Diane E. Vaughn*





# BIOGRAPHY

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## EDUCATION

1985, MFA	Art Education, Philadelphia College of Art, Philadelphia, PA
1979, BFA	Photography, Philadelphia College of Art, Philadelphia, PA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1980 – 2011	Art Teacher, School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
2010 – Present	Co-Owner, Soft Illusions Fine Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS – Soft Illusions Fine Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

February 2013	Emergence
October 2011	Audacity of Opulence
May 2011	Hidden Treasures
Mar 2011	Visual Elegance: An Open House for Design Specialists
July 2011	Evolving
February 2011	The Art of Love
October 2010	The Sounds of Art
July 2010	New Beginnings

## PUBLICATIONS

February 2014	American Art Collector, Featured Artist, 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue
January 2014	Soft Illusions Fine Art Gallery 2014 Calendar
Winter 2012	Art Business News Magazine, <a href="#">Issue</a>
December 2012	Artexpo Miami, Exhibitor Catalogue
Fall 2012	Art Business News Magazine
March 2012	Artexpo New York, Exhibitor Catalogue
Summer 2011	Travelhost Magazine, Philadelphia Edition
July 2011	WHYY Newsworks, " <a href="#">Soft Illusions Still Evolving</a> "
May 2011	WHYY Newsworks, " <a href="#">Hidden Treasures Uncovered at Soft Illusions</a> "
Spring 2011	Travelhost Magazine, <a href="#">Philadelphia Edition</a>
December 2010	Montgomery Media News, " <a href="#">For the Love of Family and Art</a> "
November 2010	Roxborough Patch, "New Main Street Gallery"

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## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

June 2016	Manayunk Arts Festival, Philadelphia, PA
May 2016	BuildingsNY, New York, NY
June 2015	Manayunk Arts Festival, Philadelphia, PA
March 2015	Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia, PA
January 2015	Philadelphia Home Show, Philadelphia, PA
June 2014	Manayunk Arts Festival, Philadelphia, PA
February 2014	Bank of New York Mellon, Solo Exhibit, Wilmington, DE
January 2014	Philadelphia Home Show, Philadelphia, PA
June 2013	Manayunk Arts Festival, Philadelphia, PA
April 2013	BuildingsNY, New York, NY
April 2013	The Cooperator's Co-op and Condo Expo
February 2013	Philadelphia Home Show, Philadelphia, PA
December 2012	Artexpo Miami, Miami, FL
June 2012	Manayunk Fine Arts Festival, Philadelphia, PA
March 2012	Artexpo NY, New York, NY
March 2012	Baboo Photo Gallery, New York, NY
October 2011	Philadelphia Open Studio Tour, Philadelphia, PA
June 2011	Manayunk Fine Arts Festival, Philadelphia, PA
January 2011	Interpretations, Philadelphia, PA
November 2010	Group Exhibition, Arthur Ashe Tennis Center, Philadelphia, PA
May 2010	Group Exhibition, Amber Tree Gallery, Fort Washington, MD
July 2009	Group Exhibition, The Elevator, Gallerie Isada, Philadelphia, PA
June 2009	Solo Exhibition, Gallerie Isada, Philadelphia, PA
June 2009	West Oak Lane Jazz & Arts Festival, Philadelphia, PA
June 2008	West Oak Lane Jazz & Arts Festival, Philadelphia, PA

# FACTS

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**How long have you been painting?**

I have been painting seriously for 16 years. My first passion was photography.

**Where did you study?**

Philadelphia College of Art

**What is your art form?**

Abstract Expressionist

**What is your technique?**

I use lots of layers of color. I love color!

**Where do you paint?**

In my gallery/studio - Soft Illusions Fine Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

**What inspires you?**

I have a true passion & desire to paint every day.

**Who are your favorite artists?**

Monet, Renoir, Picasso – a lot of the great impressionist artists.

**What's the best time of day for you to paint?**

I am at my best early in the morning.

**Do you listen to music when you paint?**

Absolutely! I listen to Jazz, Classical, and Spiritual music.

**Approximately how long does it take to paint each piece?**

The first layers of color wash may take only a short period of time. However, as the painting evolves, I continue adding layers and depth. The details and problem solving take longer. In a nutshell, it depends.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?**

An opera singer, nurse, ballerina, teacher, flight attendant ... I wanted to be what every little girl dreams of!

**How did you first get started with painting?**

I started to take my work seriously while demonstrating art techniques to a group of high school students. It was gratifying to watch them develop their own techniques.

**In your opinion, have you created your ultimate masterpiece yet?**

My work is ever evolving. I believe the best is yet to come.