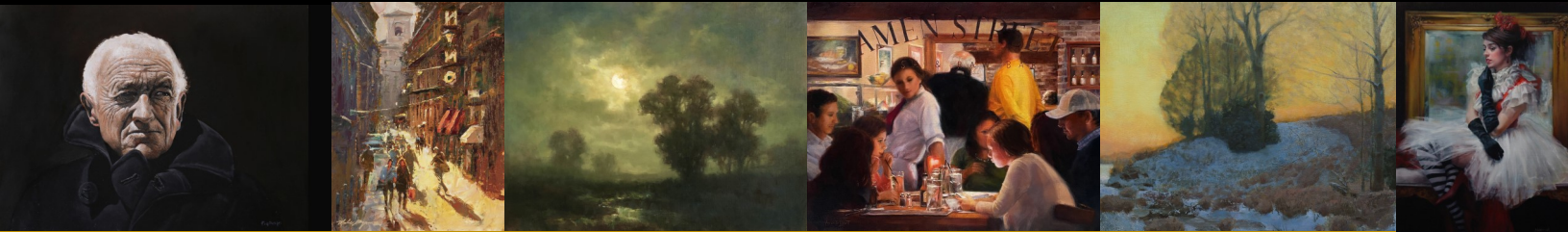


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AT THE QUINLAN VISUAL ARTS CENTER



## SUSAN S. PERRISH

I grew up surrounded by music and art. My mother was a talented watercolor artist, and my father was a gifted woodworker. I was nurtured by classical music, curiosity and creativity. Throughout childhood I would often be found at the piano, or listening to the great composers. I'd sit inches away from the stereo speakers mesmerized by the concertos of Chopin and Rachmaninoff, imagining my hands flying over the keyboard accompanied by the great orchestras. I was taught to believe in myself and to reach for the stars.

In 1982 I married Robert Perrish, an accomplished and talented artist, and we settled in Livonia, Michigan, where we raised our two children, Kimberly and Stephen.

Over the years I longed for an artistic outlet but the business of life would get in the way, leaving its pursuit a "someday" thing. I had closed the door on the creativity which gave me so much joy growing up. Then, on a quiet weekend in the summer of 2013 I picked up a pencil and started to draw. First an eye, then a nose, another eye, a mouth. The passion was immediate. I had found what I was searching for.

I believe there is an intrinsic beauty in every human soul, and that our eyes, in expressing that, tell a unique and individual story. As I work on a portrait, I search for that story and try to capture it on the easel. I've found jewels in every painting, every drawing I've done. Whether a success or "learning experience," each piece teaches me something. There is never a wasted moment. It is all joy.

### Awards and Exhibitions:

#### 2021

- Oil Painters of America Salon Show Juried Exhibition of Traditional Oils
- VFAA PAN Competition  
Best in Show

#### 2020

- National Oil & Acrylic Painters Society Fall International Online Exhibition
- Art Renewal Center 15th International Salon Competition Semi-Finalist
- 2020 Great Lakes Pastel Society Online National Exhibition
- \* Frame Tek Award
- o The Community House Juried Art Show and Sale 2020



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- o VFAA PAN Juried Exhibition
- o National Oil & Acrylic Painters Society Small Works Juried Exhibition
- o Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors Women's Work 2020 Exhibition, Black Box Gallery
- o Lawrence Street Gallery The Body Eclectic Juried Exhibition

## 2019

- National Oil & Acrylic Painters Society International Online Competition
  - Richeson 75 International Portrait and Figure Finalist
  - Inspired by 2.0 Artist Exhibition, Pazdieski Gallery, Dearborn, September 13 - October 10
  - Canton Fine Arts Exhibition
  - o Merit Award
  - o Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors Small but Mighty Competition
  - o Pastel Society of North Carolina International Juried Exhibition, Pure Color
  - o FASO Boldbrush Outstanding Pastel - May
  - o 14th International Art Renewal Center Salon Finalist
  - o American Women Artists Spring Online Show
  - o Our Town Community House Juried Art Show
  - o DSPWS Juried Exhibition, Black Box Gallery
  - o Honorable Mention
  - o VFAA PAN Juried Exhibition
  - o Award of Choice
  - o The Body Eclectic, Lawrence Street Gallery Juried Exhibition
- Best in Show

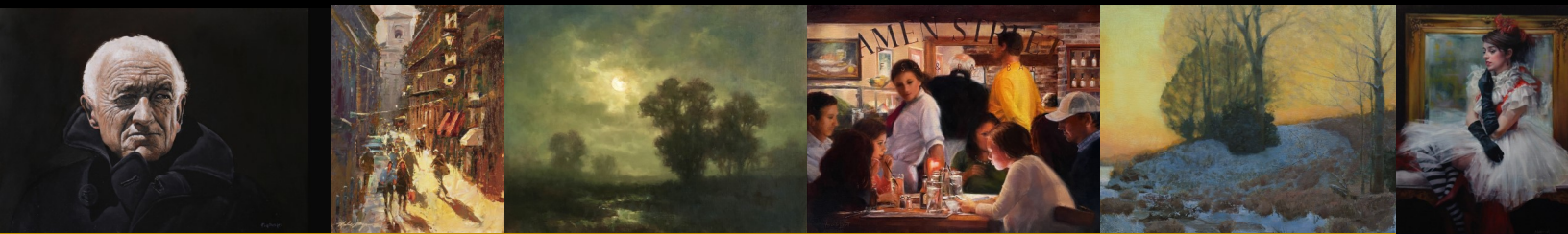
## 2018

- Richeson Portrait and Figure Competition
- Livonia Art Commission Juried Exhibition
- Canton Art Association Fine Art Competition
- o Third Place
- o Artists on Art Magazine Article, *When Art is in Your Blood*, July/August Issue
- o FASO BoldBrush Outstanding Pastel, May
- o University of Michigan - Alfred Berkowitz Gallery Open Competition

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- o Art of the Family: The Art of Donald, Robert, Susan and William Perrish - Northville Art House, April 6 - 28
- o American Women Artists Spring Online Juried Competition
- o Lawrence Street Gallery Figurative/Portrait Juried Exhibition
- o Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors "Persistence" Juried Exhibition

## 2017

- International Association of Pastel Societies 31st Juried Competition - Web Show
- Artist Network "Strokes of Genius – 10" competition
- Livonia Art Commission Juried Exhibition
- Canton Art Association Fine Arts Competition
- o People's Choice Award
- o University of Michigan - Alfred Berkowitz Gallery Open Competition
- o Honorable Mention
- o Pastel Society of North Carolina International Juried Exhibition, Pure Color
- o "Inspired By..." Twelve-Artist Exhibit, Padzieski Art Gallery, September 7 – 27
- o FASO Boldbrush Outstanding Pastel Award, May
- o American Women Artists Spring Online Juried Show Finalist
- o Great Lakes Pastel Society Member
- o Silver Award
- o VFAA PAN Competition
- o Best in Show
- o Pastel Society of the West Coast Online Member Exhibition
- o International Association of Pastel Societies 30<sup>th</sup> Juried Exhibition – 2017 Convention Show

## Art Association/Society Memberships:

- Pastel Society of America, Signature Member
- Northville Art House Art Association
- American Women Artists Association, Signature Member
- Portrait Society of America
- Oil Painters of America
- Great Lakes Pastel Society