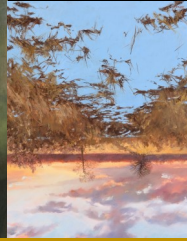
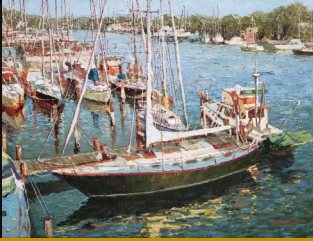


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DENISE ANTAYA

I was born in Windsor, Ontario and now live in Kingsville, Ontario. After a 31 year career in Advertising I decided to pursue my life long passion for painting landscapes on a full time basis.

We are surrounded by beauty. I often wonder if people see the world as I do. Do they see the magic that is all around us? I choose landscapes because I am rebelling against the fast paced world we live in. Often stresses of everyday problems keep us from enjoying what is around us. We take things for granted. As an artist I work hard to create paintings that speak to me, and hopefully, to others about the important things in life. I hope my paintings evoke memories of childhood vacations long forgotten, where the stresses of the world are left behind, peaceful times at the lake or hiking in the woods. I hope they remind us of simpler times with family and friends, times of happiness, peace and tranquility.

Every hour, every day and every season, brings it's own personality and challenges to the landscape artist. Capturing the beauty and subtleties that nature provides is a never ending source of inspiration for me. A plein air painter has to capture the essence of place with the ever changing light, subtleties of colour, shape and shadows, only keeping what is necessary to tell the story. Nature is the finest teacher and if I study what she is trying to tell me the rewards are endless. I strive to take the everyday scene that is often overlooked, and present it in a new light. If I can draw the viewer in, make them feel the warmth of the sunshine, the coolness of the shadows, the dancing of the light across the fields or the heaviness of the air with the impending storm, then I have succeeded. If I can make the audience feel the magic then this journey is all worth while.

GALLERIES:

Oxtongue Craft Cabin and Gallery, Dwight, Ontario

Salmagundi Club, New York, NY

The Art Exchange, London, Ontario

Westland Gallery, London, Ontario