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FINE ART AUCTION

Jan Best

Although drawing and sketching since childhood, Jan Best has been painting on and off since she discovered her passion for painting as a teenager, when she took a class as a high school elective to fill her school day. Jan went on to earn her Bachelors of Arts in Journalism at the University of Georgia and began her career in the advertising media buying field. Jan has since had several career changes, from stay-at-home-mom, to freelance advertising media buyer, to Irish Dance teacher to Horse Show manager/secretary. Naturally, college, work, family, and raising her two children limited her painting one piece every 3-4 years, usually as gifts for family. When she became recently empty-nested, she rediscovered her passion, and now averages 1-2 works each week.

Jan works mostly in oil (while dabbling in acrylics and pastels here and there), and often works Alla Prima (in one sitting). She also enjoys painting en Plein Air (outside, on location) as well. Her work is a mixture of contemporary realism and impressionism. Her favorite subjects are landscapes, seascapes, birds and animals. She is known for keen portrayals of light, water and reflections.

Jan has sold her paintings online in the USA and Internationally, at local shops, at artisan festivals, and even has sold them to a major motion movie set. She participates in art exhibitions and events, and has been chosen to show in several prestigious juried exhibitions throughout the USA, while also receiving awards. A huge supporter of her local community, Jan has also donated and had her paintings sold in several local charitable auctions. Always learning, she attends workshops as she can and currently resides with her husband in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia, USA. She has studied with Sara Oakley, Pat Fiorello, Marc Hanson, Dottie Leatherwood, Amanda Lovett, Suzie Baker, Stephanie Amato, Carol Marine, Bill Davidson, Anne Blair Brown, and Vicki Norman.

AFFILIATIONS

- Oil Painters of America-Associate Member
- American Impressionist Society-Associate Member
- American Women Artists-Associate Member
- The Art Colony of Gainesville, GA
- The Quinlan Visual Arts Center-Gainesville, GA-Member
- The Booth Museum-Cartersville, GA-Member
- The Bascom Center for Visual Arts-Member
- Virginia Highland Plein Air Painters-Member