

## Artist Statement

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It is my pleasure to present these Nature Spirit paintings, which have evolved over the course of a lifetime. My wish is that you will experience as much enjoyment viewing them as I have in their creation.

My artistic focus is infused with visions of cultures attuned to Mother Nature and to the Spirits who speak for her. The changing landscapes of my inner perceptions reflect and resonate with this evolving paradigm of divine enchantment, revealing a series of inspiring images which have great meaning and purpose for me. Thus, my personal artistic visions of the sacred are increasingly attuned to the luminous core of ancient wisdom traditions which depict our innate unity with natural world. These mythological visions reflect timeless, universal themes portrayed for millennia by various mystics of diverse spiritual cultures worldwide.

I am enfolded in the landscape of these creative inspirations, where lucid dreams and imagination mingle with reality. Here, the fullness of inner life is continually revealed by meditative means, and culture is brought back into harmony with nature. Art, as a renewable resource, is replenished from this wellspring of light and life.

At the still point of awareness, both the seer and the seen are infused with a peaceful luminous glow as they attune to the aesthetic experience. In the words of Lao Tzu, "To a mind that's still the whole universe surrenders." This equanimity reveals a timeless connection which dwells at the heart of time-bound appearances. At the still point, a thousand thoughts are laid to rest, and we are free to respond to the spontaneous present with a fullness of attention that makes bliss possible.

My life continues to be transformed by sacred ecstatic reverie, infusing my experience of creating fine art. It is my ardent wish that the viewer may share in this aesthetic experience. And that the world may embody lasting peace in our lifetimes.

