

Artist Statement:

To paraphrase one of my favorite painters, Jon Redmond, painting gives me the excuse to focus on something for as long as I like. That something might be sunlight in a darkened room, the mist on a mountainside, or an iris throat; but something about what I am seeing compels me to fully know it, to express it, and finally to convey the emotion I experience at that moment.

My subject matter is varied and tends to be about the natural world and most often the medium is oil paint. These usually representational works are characterized by dramatic light and dark shifts, color saturation, and complex compositions. I employ photographic references, though I sometimes paint from life and enjoy life drawing and abstract expression as well.

Realist Portraiture is my favorite genre. Specificity is an irresistible challenge: to capture the essence of the sitter, and then to reflect that unique personality back to them through another set of eyes. What a gift! Seeing ourselves through the eyes of another, the gift that only an artist can share!

Lynn Hanchett