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## **Artist's Statement**

"Color and texture! I work in both watercolor and acrylic/mixed media and my work is varied in execution and subject. Watercolor was my first love and my paintings with this sensually fluid, transparent medium are more representational and tend to have an identifiable subject. In 2002, I entered the world of abstracts with acrylic and mixed media. I intentionally keep this work relaxed, layered and textured, starting intuitively with a theme or concept in mind. Regardless of the medium or style, I want my work to catch the viewer's eye and invite them to visually and emotionally participate from their own point of view. I want them to feel free to choose how to be engaged with a painting. An artist's life is one of constant learning and growth...every time they pick up a brush. To me, that's what life is all about."

## **About The Artist**

Born in Windsor, Ont., Nancy (a graduate of Washington State University with a BA in Communications) has been a professional artist since 1997. She spent her early career in Seattle working in advertising and public relations. Later she spent several years in the travel industry as both a corporate and leisure travel agent and eventually agency manager. (Travel and exploration are often a major theme in her work.) Now a full-time artist and instructor, she teaches classes and workshops in the Pacific Northwest as well as other parts of the U.S. and Canada. Her work has been exhibited in local and national juried exhibitions receiving several awards, and is featured in private and corporate collections in North America. Her work has been published in Northlight Books' "Splash 11: New Directions" (June, 2010) and she has been a contributing artist/writer to "Watercolor Artist" magazine. She is an active member of the Northwest Watercolor Society; is a member and Past-President of the South Surrey/White Rock Art Society in British Columbia; is a member of the National Watercolor Society; and is a juried member of Women Painters of Washington, a society of professional women artists based in Seattle. Nancy lives in Birch Bay, WA where she has her studio. You can find her work represented by the Women Painters of Washington Gallery at Columbia Center in Seattle and on her website at [www.NMGrigsbyStudios.com](http://www.NMGrigsbyStudios.com).