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Bio

JoAnne Hauser Warren was born in Cuba City, Wisconsin. She attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison as a fine arts major until one record-breaking cold winter, when she escaped the cold to continue her education in Key West, Florida (the entire art department was located on a houseboat). For the past twelve years, Warren has been back in Wisconsin, making a living as a professional artist. She finally finished her Fine Art Degree at UW-Platteville graduating summa cum laude in December of 2010. Her award winning watercolors feature a vibrant use of color, bold values and lush textures. Her work is represented in private & corporate collections throughout the world, including the University of Wisconsin, Loras College, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Prudential, and New York Life.

Artist's Statement

As a Wisconsin artist, I get much of my inspiration from the natural beauty of our state. My present body of work contains many landscapes from the surrounding area. Familiar places evoke memories and make us feel good in much the same way that comfort foods like fried chicken and mashed potatoes do. To increase the viewer's enjoyment and stimulate their imaginations, I take liberties with the literal: exaggerating color for the sake of expression, choosing a different angle to achieve a fresh look, overemphasizing light and shadow to infuse energy and to create visual drama from "everyday" scenes.

The barns are a recurring theme in my work. I feel it's my civic duty to paint them, as they are a "dying breed". Expensive to maintain and repair, many succumb to the forces of nature each year and are usually replaced by metal buildings that may be more economically feasible, but lack the uniqueness and stately grace of the barns built by our ancestors. Sometimes I paint them in their state of disrepair, but more often I "fix them up" using light and shadow to showcase their magnificent lines.