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### Biography

Marsha Connell is a Northern California artist known for her evocative collages and her colorist paintings in oil, watercolor, and pastel. Her work has been exhibited widely in solo and group shows and in art and literary publications.

An Adjunct Professor in Santa Rosa Junior College's Art Department and Associate Seminar Professor in Sonoma State University's Depth Psychology Program, she has also presented workshops and lectures in many California venues, as well as in Alaska, New Mexico, Oregon, New York, and Mexico.

On this web site you can view Marsha's art and learn about exhibitions and galleries where her work can be seen. You can also find information about workshops and creative retreats.

Selected images from Marsha's painterly and luminous plein air paintings are now available to a wider audience in elegant limited edition giclée prints. While some of the original paintings are in private collections, many are still available for purchase. The Dream Vessels are available as limited edition color laser collage/prints.

### Artist's Statement

In my painting series, "Pond In Bloom", apple trees, water lilies, sky and clouds, reflect in the surfaces and depths of a pond. I paint on location, en plein air, to express the spirit of place. My approach is painterly — images form through movements of the brush. Watching, listening, trusting intuition and gesture — infuses my representation with an abstract sensibility. The outer landscape mirrors the inner, revealing and concealing mood, contemplation, grief, renewal. Luminosity builds from glazing and scumbling layers of color, over time. This can evoke a place of some mystery, a place of the heart.

### Tips for Art Students

Invest the time and focus to develop a body of work with a theme of subject or style. Let one painting inform the next one.