



**Summary**

Susan Nicholas Gephart has been painting award-winning landscapes for over forty years. Her passion to explore the landscape is expressed through a unique use of color, texture, and atmosphere, capturing the emotion of a moment with spontaneity and directness.

Susan spreads her love of creating art in nature to all ages through her teachings. She has been instructing pastels since the mid 80's and organizing the Hameau Farm Studio Artist Retreats (now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year) for all levels and mediums. All of Susan's workshops are supported by top national art supply companies, allowing her students to sample a variety of fine art products. Her art and workshops are advertised in Pastel Journal, PleinAir Magazine, and Fine Art Connoisseur.

In 2021, Susan Nicholas Gephart was invited faculty for the 1st Annual Pastel Live: Virtual Global Conference. She was also a guest on Art School Live with Eric Rhoads.

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**Skills & Expertise**

Oil, Pastel, Watercolor, Acrylic  
 Studio Art  
 Landscape Painting  
 Plein Air Painting  
 Workshop Facilitation  
 Teaching Art  
 Framing  
 Curating Exhibits

**Education**

Bachelor of Fine Arts  
 1977-1979  
 Penn State University  
 Cum Laude, Marshall for College of Arts and Architecture  
  
 Associate in Arts  
 1975-1977  
 Montgomery County Community College  
 Magna Cum Laude

**Experience**

Pastel Faculty and Presenter Plein Air Convention and Expo 2017-2019	Dedicated Workshop Instructor Gamblin Artists Colors July 2014-Present	Instructor and Facilitator Hameau Farm Studio Artist Retreats 2000 – Present
Presenter for Pastel Beginner's Track Plein Air Convention and Expo 2018	Product Demonstrator Sennelier April 2014 - Present	Instructor Grier School 1989, 2018-Present
Instructor Pierre's Art School July 2018	Product Demonstrator Savoir Faire April 2014 – Present	Public School Visiting Artist Pennsylvania Council of the Arts 1990-2001
Instructor York Art Association 2018-Present	Instructor Millbrook Marsh 2010-Present	Instructor Art Alliance of Central PA 1985-Present
Product Demonstrator Dixon Ticonderoga 2018-Present	Product Demonstrator Jack Richeson & Co Inc 2007-Present	Art Instructor for All Ages January 1998 - Present
Product Demonstrator Art Cocoon Wet Panel Carriers 2015-Present	Product Demonstrator Gamblin Artists Colors August 2007-Present	Professional Fine Artist and Plein Air Painter February 1980 - Present

## **Product Experience Expanded**

- Jack Richeson & Co., 2007-Present
  - 2018 Release of S.Nicholas 80 set of hand-rolled soft pastels, “Earth Water Sky”
  - Products tested and used in teachings: Oil paint, Pallet knives, Plein air palette cups, Solvent cans, Canvas panels, linen panels, Richardson panels, Student grade watercolors, Professional watercolors, various water color palettes, Watercolor brushes, Color wheels, Viewfinders
- Gamblin Artist Colors 2007-Present
  - 2007 Art featured on the newly released line of Radiant Colors
  - 2008 Tested oil paints and solvents
  - 2009 Product tester for the development of the Fastmatte Alkyd Oils
  - 2011 Became a Dedicated Workshop Instructor, backing all workshops with products and samples
  - 2011 Provided with a yearly stipend of any Gamblin products
- Multimedia Artboard 2014-Present
  - 2014 Tested the new line of pastel surfaces
  - 2019 Became a Featured Artist on the Multimedia Artboard website
  - 2021 Created a video for Watercolor Live
- LeaderEasel 2017-Present
  - Testing prototypes
  - 2019 Featured on website
- Dixon Ticonderoga 2018-2021
  - Product Demonstrator for Canson, Maimeri Pero, Arches Oil Paper, Arches Watercolor Paper, Princeton Brushes
- Rochester Art Supply
  - 2020 Has a dedicated Instructor Supply page published on FineArtStore.com featuring Jack Richeson & Co.’s S.Nicholas signature products and other recommended supplies

## **Further Education**

- 2014-2019 Plein Air Convention and Expo
- 2016 Quang Ho
- 2011-2016 The Global Leadership Summit Conference
- 2015 Albert Handel Honored Mentor Scholarship Workshop, Santa Fe, NM
- 2015 Albert Handel workshop, State College, PA
- 2015 C.W. Mundy Workshop, Monterey, CA
- 2015 Bill Davidson
- 2015 Georgia Mansur
- 2015 Lori Putman
- 2014 Shelby Keefe
- 2014 Richard McKinley workshop, Monterey, CA
- 2013 Bill Creevy Pastel Workshop
- 2010 Terri Ford, pastel workshop
- 2009 Judith Carducci, pastel workshop
- 2009 Ron Monsma, pastel workshop
- 2007 Elizabeth Apgar-Smith, Sponsored by Farmland Preservation Artists
- 2006-2007 Robert Carsten, Pastel Workshop Sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Pastel Association
- 2006 Robert Gamblin, Mediums and Color Workshop, New York City
- 1996-1999 Joe Sweeney Workshops at Hameau Farm, Belleville, PA
- 1991 Penn State University Independent Study with Richard Mayhew in Color Theory, University Park, PA

## **Further Teaching & Demonstrating Experience**

- 2021 Classes and Plein Air Workshops
- 2020 Classes and Independent Studies on Zoom
- 2019 Seeing Expressive Color: Studio to Plein Air 3-Day Workshop, North San Diego County, CA
- 2018 Product Demonstrations for Dixon Ticonderoga at the Plein Air Convention and Expo
- 2018 Seeing Expressive Color: Studio to Plein Air 3-Day Workshop, North San Diego County, CA
- 2018-Present Oil and pastel Instructor at Art Alliance of Central PA, Lemont, PA
- 2017 Learning to See Nature with Photography and Pastel, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton Township, NJ
- 2017-2021 Plein Air Demonstrator at LH JAMS, Lock Haven, PA
- 2016 Pastel Demonstration, Bald Eagle Art League, PA
- 2010-2016 "Art and Nature Adventure" through Centre Region Parks & Rec at Millbrook Marsh, State College, PA
- 2012-2015 Brushstrokes Gallery and Art Supplies, instructor for pastels and oils, Lewisburg, PA
- 2010-2012, 2014-Present "Art & Nature Discovery Camp," Nicholas Studios, Bellefonte, PA
- 2002, 2007, 2012, 2013 Art Alliance of Central PA Artist Studio Tours
- 2008-2013 Instructing oils and pastel, C. Barton McCann School of Art, Petersburg, PA
- 2008- Rochester Art Supply, "The Cascade Art Center"- Landscape in oil
- 2011 "Making Connections," instructor for the Central PA Pastel Society
- 2011 Instructed all mediums, Standing Stone Art League, Huntington, PA
- 2010 Instructed watercolor, "Make A Splash" through Centre County Library, Bellefonte, PA
- 2010 Visiting artist for State College Summer Camp, State College, PA
- 2008 Rochester New York Art Center, Exploring the Landscape in oils
- 1998 - 1999 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, "Artist in Action"
- 1997 "Art Scape," Bellefonte Studio and Gallery Tour, Sponsored by the Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association
- 1996 Pastel Workshop, Art Alliance of Central PA, Lemont, PA
- 1990 Grier School of Art, Visiting Artist
- 1987 - 1990 Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Visiting Artist in high schools
- 1985 - 1989 Pastel Painting Techniques, Art Alliance of Central PA

## **Honors and Awards**

- 2021 Accepted into River Towns Plein Air 2021. Won an Honorable mention.
- 2020 Accepted into the Adirondack Plein Air Festival, Saranac Lake, NY
- 2020 Painting included in the Plein Air Portfolio: Sunset/Sunrise in the Nov./Dec. issue of PleinAir Magazine
- 2020 Ambassador for PleinAir
- 2019 PACE Winner of Most Instagram Posts
- 2018 PleinAir Podcast Episode #95 Susan Nicholas Gephart with Eric Rhoads
- 2016 Second prize, Lewisburg Arts Council, PA
- 2016 First prize, Art Alliance of Central PA
- 2016 Best Pastel, Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts' Images Show, State College, PA
- 2007-Present Chincoteague Annual Plein Air Event, Chincoteague, VA
- 2015 Juried 1st Prize, Clinton County Arts Council & Bald Eagle Art League, Lock Haven, PA
- 2015 Juried Honorable Mention Lewisburg Arts Council- Packwood House Museum, PA
- 2015 Camp Hill Plein Air Event, PA
- 2014 Montgomery County Community College, PA, fifty Years of Outstanding Alumni
- 2011 Lewisburg Arts Council, Packwood House Museum, PA
- 2010 Honorable Mention, Lewisburg Arts Council, Packwood House Museum, PA

- 2009 "Images," Central PA Festival of the Arts, Robeson Gallery, Penn State University
- 2009 Best of Show, Art Alliance of Central PA, Members Show
- 2008 Art Alliance of Central PA, Juried Show, Robeson Gallery, Penn State University
- 2007 Montgomery County Community College Alumni Hall of Fame
- 2005 Second Prize, "Annual Art Exhibit Lewisburg Arts Council," Packwood House Museum, Lewisburg, PA
- 2005 "22nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition," Clearfield, PA
- 2005 Biennial II, Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Loretto, PA
- 2004 First Prize, Art Alliance Juried Show, Art Alliance of Central PA, Lemont, PA, Juror - Leo Mazlow, curator of American art at the Palmer Museum of Art at The Pennsylvania State University
- 2004 First Place, Regional Art Exhibition, The Williamsport-Lycoming Arts Council and the Bald Eagle Art League, B&S Gallery, Williamsport, PA
- 2004 Award of Merit, Annual Members' Show, Art Alliance of Central PA, Lemont, PA
- 2004 Honorable Mention, Lewisburg Festival of the Arts, Lewisburg, PA
- 2004 Central PA Festival of the Arts, "Images," State College, PA
- 2004 Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art Biennial
- 2003 Lewisburg Arts Council, Packwood House Museum
- 2002 Jurors Award, "Artists In Our Midst," Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Altoona, PA
- 2002 Jurors Award, Westsylvania Arts and Heritage Festival, Altoona, PA
- 2002 Second Prize in Painting, Lewisburg Festival of the Arts, Lewisburg, PA
- 2002 "Biennial," Southern Alleghenies museum of Art Second Prize in Painting, Lewisburg Festival of the Arts, Lewisburg, PA
- 2002 Art of The State of PA - 35th Annual, Harrisburg, PA
- 2002 Best of Show, 19th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Susquehanna River Arts Center
- 1999 Best of Show, "Images," Central PA Festival of the Arts, Adam & Art Gallery, Bellefonte, PA
- 1999 Jurors Award and Jurors Mention, "Artists in Our Midst," Altoona, PA
- 1998 Best in Show, Williamsport Lycoming Arts Festival
- 1997 Blair County Arts Foundation, Altoona Penn State
- 1992 Best in Graphics, Blair County Arts Festival, Penn State Altoona Campus, Altoona, PA
- 1991 Best of Show, "Lewisburg Festival of the Arts," Lewisburg, PA
- 1987 The Artist's Magazine
- 1987 Landscape Competition Finalist

### **Solo/Duo Exhibitions**

- 2020 "Landscape Passage, Earth Water Sky" Bellefonte Art Museum
- 2016 State College Framing Company and Gallery, State College, PA
- 2015 Gigi's Restaurant, State College, PA
- 2015 "Father and Daughter Landscape Passages" exhibit, Centre Crest Retirement Home, Bellefonte, PA
- 2015 "Art in Happy Valley", Fraser Street Gallery, Gigi's Restaurant, State College, PA
- 2015 "Re-launch & Opening Reception", Fraser Street Gallery, group exhibit, State College, PA
- 2014-2015 "Lewisburg Stroll Through the Arts", Featured Artist at Faustina's, Lewisburg, PA
- 2010-2015 State College Framing Company & Gallery, Landscapes, State College, PA.
- 2014 "Farmland Preservation Artists" Exhibit at Penn State Retirement Village
- 2009 "Focus on the Landscape," HUB Gallery, Pennsylvania State University, PA
- 2008 "A Father and Daughter's Landscape Passages" Susan Nicholas Gephart and Thomas C. Nicholas Jr., Montgomery County Community College, PA
- 2006-2007 "Landscape Passages: A Father and Daughter Exhibit" with Thomas C. Nicholas, Jr., December 8, 2006 - June 3, 2007 in the Margery Wolf-Kune Balcony Gallery of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Loretto, PA
- 2006 "Landscape Passages," Schlow Library, State College, PA

- 2004 "Seeking Passages," Foxdale Village, State College, PA
- 2000 "Soliloquy of Earth and Spirit," Gallery at the Gamble Mill, Bellefonte, PA
- 1991 "Father and Daughter Exhibit," Gallery at the Gamble Mill, Bellefonte, PA
- 1990 "Sense of Balance," B&S Gallery, Williamsport, PA
- 1987 "Focus on the Landscape," Pennsylvania State University, The Hub Gallery, University Park, PA
- 1986 Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA
- 1986 Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Johnstown Extension
- 1984 Kern Gallery, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2020 Virtual Chincoteague Plein Air Art Show & Sale
- 2017-2019 Plein Air Convention and Expo Faculty Exhibit
- 2015 Hershey Medical Center Farmland Preservation Artists Group Exhibit, Hershey, PA
- 2015 Bellefonte Art Museum for Center County, Bellefonte, PA
- 2015 Southern Alleghenies Museum, "Pastel Expressions"
- 2015 Joint Exhibit of Central Pennsylvania Pastel Society and the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League, Ligonier, PA
- 2015 Penn State University HUB Gallery, Farmland Preservation Artist of Central PA, University Park, PA
- 2003 – 2015 Annual Faustina's Holiday Exhibition, Lewisburg, PA
- 2012 - 2014 Celebrate the Summer Solstice, Farmland Preservation Artists of Pennsylvania, Boalsburg, PA 2004-2014 Hameau Farm Studio Artist Retreat, "a la carte & Art" 8th Annual Exhibit, Belleville, PA
- 2013 Artists of the Gamble Mill Committee, Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association, Bellefonte, PA
- 2012 Green Drake Gallery Hameau Farm Artist Retreat Retrospective, Millheim, PA
- 2012 Central PA Pastel Society at the Gamble Mill, Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association, Bellefonte, PA
- 2012 Bellefonte Art Museum Artists' Registry Group Exhibit, Bellefonte, PA
- 2012 Central Pa Pastel Society Group Exhibit, Foxdale Village, PA 2007-2012 Farmland Preservation Artist, PASA Conference, University Park, PA
- 2011 "Catch the Hatch," Green Drake Gallery and Art Center, Millheim, PA
- 2011 Central Pa Pastel Society, Bellefonte Historical & Cultural Associations Gallery at The Gamble Mill, Bellefonte, PA
- 2011 Farmland Preservation Artists, Bellefonte Art Museum, Bellefonte, PA
- 2010-2011 State College Framing Company & Gallery, Central PA Pastel Society Group
- 2010 Central PA Pastel Society Group Exhibition, LR Kimball, Innovation Park
- 2005- 2010 "International Plein Air Paint Out" with the Central PA Pastel Society
- 2007 Central PA Pastel Society, Gallery at Foxdale, State College, PA
- 2007 Farmland Preservation Artists' Gallery at Foxdale Village, State College, PA
- 2006 and 2002 "From the Heart of the Valley II," June 20 - September 2, Kelly Gallery, The Packwood House Museum, Lewisburg, PA
- 2004 "Images 2004," Central PA Festival of the Arts, Robeson Gallery, Penn State University, PA
- 2004 Art of The State of PA - 37th Annual, State Museum, Harrisburg, PA
- 2002 "Scapes and Scrapes," Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, PA
- 2002 The Pennsylvania Centre For Landscape Painting, Gallery at the Gamble Mill, Bellefonte, PA
- 2002 "Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2002," Harrisburg, PA
- 2002 "19th Annual Juried Art Exhibition," The Susquehanna River Art Center, Clearfield, PA, Best of Show
- 1999 "Food For Thought," Gallery at the Gamble Mill, Bellefonte, PA
- 1997 "New Statements," Adam & Art Gallery, Bellefonte, PA
- 1996 "Group Works," Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association
- 1995 "Art of the State: 29th Juried Exhibition," co-sponsored by the Greater Harrisburg Arts Council and The State Museum of PA

- 1994 "Four Women Artists," Adam & Art Gallery, Bellefonte, PA
- 1991 "A Father and Daughter Exhibit," Gamble Mill Gallery, Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association, Bellefonte, PA
- 1990 "A Sense of Balance," Brian Galas and S. Nicholas, B&S Gallery, Williamsport, PA
- 1989 B&S Gallery Group Exhibit, Williamsport, PA
- 1984-1986 Central PA Festival of the Arts, juried Art Alliance of PA, Group Booth

### **Selected Juried Exhibits and Awards**

- 2018 The Art Alliance 50th Anniversary Juried Show
- 2015 Juried 1st Prize, Clinton County Arts Council & Bald Eagle Art League, Lock Haven, PA
- 2015 Juried Honorable Mention Lewisburg Arts Council- Packwood House Museum, PA
- 2007-2015 Chincoteague 8th Annual Plein Air Event, Chincoteague, VA
- 2014 Montgomery County Community College, PA, fifty Years of Outstanding Alumni
- 2011 Lewisburg Arts Council, Packwood House Museum, PA
- 2010 Honorable Mention, Lewisburg Arts Council, Packwood House Museum, PA
- 2009 "Images," Central PA Festival of the Arts, Robeson Gallery, Penn State University
- 2009 Best of Show, Art Alliance of Central PA, Members Show
- 2008 Art Alliance of Central PA, Juried Show, Robeson Gallery, Penn State University
- 2007 Montgomery County Community College Alumni Hall of Fame
- 2005 Second Prize, "Annual Art Exhibit Lewisburg Arts Council," Packwood House Museum, Lewisburg, PA
- 2005 "22nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition," Clearfield, PA
- 2005 Biennial II, Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Loretto, PA
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- 1992 Best in Graphics, Blair County Arts Festival, Penn State Altoona Campus, Altoona, PA
- 1991 Best of Show, "Lewisburg Festival of the Arts," Lewisburg, PA
- 1987 The Artist's Magazine, 1987 Landscape Competition Finalist

## **Invitational Exhibits**

- 2018-2019 "Art on the Move," Old Main, Penn State University, PA
- 2009-2010 "Art on the Move," Old Main, Penn State University, PA
- 2008 Montgomery County Community College, "A Father and Daughter's Landscape Passages" Susan Nicholas Gephart and Thomas C. Nicholas, Jr.
- 2006-2007 Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, "Landscape Passages: A Father and Daughter Retrospective"
- 2006 Schlow Library, State College, PA
- 2006 "Art Thrives on 45," Artists' and Artisans' trail initiative to highlight independent artists' studios, local art organizations, bed and breakfasts and cultural events, Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts
- 2004 The American Philatelic Society Grand Opening Invitational, Bellefonte, PA
- 2002 "From The Heart of The Valley," Packwood House Museum, Lewisburg, PA
- 1999, 1996, 1988 Southern Alleghenies Museum, Triennial Regional Exhibitions
- 1996 Pennsylvania Art Education Association Conference, "Artist Studio Tours"
- 1989 The Pennsylvania State University Exhibits, University Park, PA
- 1988 "Visible Landscape, Current Viewpoints," Indiana University of PA
- 1985 "Pennsylvania Painters and Printmakers," Central PA Festival of the Arts
- 1983 Montgomery County Community College Alumni Exhibit, Blue Bell, PA

## **Collections**

- Susquehanna Tower Williamsport Regional Medical Center, Williamsport, PA
- Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA
- Penn College, Williamsport, PA
- Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA
- Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Loretto, PA
- Lutheran Center, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- Geisinger Medical Center, Bellefonte, PA
- Omega Finance, State College, PA

## **Galleries**

- State College Framing Co. & Gallery, State College, PA
- S.Nicholas Art Studios, Bellefonte, PA
- Green Drake Gallery and Art Center, Millheim, PA
- Art a la Carte, Bellefonte, PA

## **Affiliations**

- Art Alliance of Central PA
  - 1981-Present: Member
  - 1981-1991: Board of Directors
  - 1984-1986: Vice President in Charge of Exhibits
- Bellefonte Historical & Cultural Association, Gallery at Gamble Mill, 1984-2015
- Bellefonte Art Museum, Artists' Registry
- Central PA Pastel Society, Signature Member
  - President 2010 – 2012, 2018-2019
  - Member 2005-Present
- Clearwater Conservancy
- Clinton County Arts Council, Lock Haven, PA
- Farmland Preservation Artists Centre County
- International Plein Air Painters

- Landscape Artists International
- Lewisburg Council on the Arts
- Montgomery County Community College Alumni Association
- Plein Air Painters of Central Pennsylvania, Co-Founder
- Pennsylvania State University Alumni Association
- York Art Association

### **Publications**

- 2021 Featured in the PleinAir Magazine's portfolio of "Rivers and Waterfalls"
- 2019 Featured in the PleinAir Magazine's portfolio of "Sunrise, Sunset"
- 2016 Featured in the July 2016 issue of PleinAir Magazine's article "The Many Moods of Clouds"
- 2015-Present PleinAir Magazine
- 2015-Present Fine Art Connoisseur
- 2015-Present Pastel Journal
- 2015 Pennsylvania Crave Magazine, Featured Artist
- 2014 State College Magazine Artist Inspirations
- 2012 Southwestern Art Magazine, February 2012, Special Focus: The Western Landscape
- 2012 Centre Daily Times, State College, Feature on Hameau Farm Studio Artist Retreats
- 2007 Montgomery County Community College Alumni Magazine Feature