

## **Artist's Statement: Suzanne Counts**

I have always been interested in art. My mother and grandmother both painted and my sister studied art in college. I always loved to watch a painting take shape on a blank canvas.

As a child I played with pencil and charcoal sketching, but never thought I could do what they did. I tried classes now and then but time was limited while working and raising my family.

After I retired, I thought I would try again. I was introduced to watercolor and fell in love with it. What a challenge! I've been painting since 1994 and always enjoy the process. I too, can bring an image into view, not on canvas but on paper, and a bonus is all the wonderful people I've met through classes and the James River Art League.

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