



## Marla Coleman

Marla Coleman has studied art since elementary school with a variety of gifted teachers. She has taken workshops with Maggie Siner, Laura Loe, Paula Frizbe, Sara Soderland, Charles Van Denburgh, and Anne Chaddock. In addition, she studied at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts under Ann Chenoweth and Marjorie Perrin. Eleanor Cox, a noted Virginia watercolorist, provided the very first inspiration and guidance. Marla currently studies with Thomas Bradshaw at the *Richmond Frame and Art Studio* in Richmond, Virginia. Her work can be found in shows sponsored by *The James River Art League*. She belongs to the James River Art League and the Virginia Plein Air Painters.

**Artist's Statement:** Today, as in my youth, art provides an escape into a world of fantasy, motion, color, and soaring excitement. It offers me an opportunity to discover meaning in ordinary moments, the beauty of nature, and forgotten spaces. I seek to communicate these experiences in the special and offbeat ways that I experience them, leaving enough room for the viewer to enter the emotional space and join me. I always hope that it works, and sometimes - through my art - a stranger and I will connect in our shared experience.