



# Art Gallery

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## Shain Bard

### “Landscapes”

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“People often point to my paintings and say they know that place. It is then that I know I have struck a cord in them. They are somehow familiar with the territory, yet they are also really seeing it for the first time. It is as much of an internal place as well as external place. Nature and art are within and without us, and something close to what I would call home. I am interested in those held-breath moments when we most fully connect to our surroundings. I see the idiosyncratic forms of nature as instruments in an orchestra, and light as the conductor. I am a conduit of that light as I create my compositions”.

Shain received her BA and MSA from Lehman College. She has been living, painting, and teaching art to students age 3 to 83 on Long Island for the past 25 years. She currently teaches at the Art League of Long Island. When asked for her teaching philosophy at a recent faculty show she wrote: “I think that getting a solid foundation in the skills or tools that enable students to really see (and consequently to draw and paint), is the first priority in a beginning art student’s journey. I am not interested in words like talent or genius or creativity. These words are just abstract distractions from the real job of focusing and perseverance in wanting to see things in ways you haven’t been able to before. I like best to jump-start students, and send them off with the skills and ability to help themselves. They develop whatever direction they are meant to go, which is something they alone must figure out”.

I see an artist as a verb, someone involved in the life long process of self discovery in each new drawing and art painting. An artist is never a finished product, and if they were, each painting would be a formulaic repetition. We are all students for life, and that’s what keeps art vital and compelling. As Michelangelo said in his nineties “I am still learning how to see”.

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