Biography

Andrea Placer is an award winning artist who uses graphite and colored pencils to express mood, emotion and the beauty of objects in nature. Her work is realistic, highly detailed, and varied in subject. She has exhibited at galleries and national juried shows in New York City, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rockland and Westchester Counties. Andrea has received awards from the: Salmagundi Club, American Artists’ Professional League, Audubon Artists, Manhattan Arts International, Stamford Art Assoc., Hudson Valley Art Assoc., Art Center of Northern NJ, and Ringwood Manor Art Assoc., among others.

Andrea is an elected member of the Salmagundi Club, the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, and the Hudson Valley Art Association. She is represented by the Piermont Fine Arts Gallery in Piermont, NY.

Though essentially self-taught, Andrea has always been involved in the arts, has painted in oils and acrylics, and has taken classes through local schools and museums wherever she has lived. Andrea has lived and worked in the Pascack Valley area of Bergen County for more than 30 years. As a retired educator, she now pursues her artistic abilities with great pleasure.

Artist’s view

I see beauty everywhere. My subjects are therefore quite varied. They may be children, flowers, natural or inanimate objects, scenes, or people in outdoor settings. I react emotionally to them, strive to evoke their mood, and to share what I believe are universal feelings such as joy, wonderment, and the pleasure of being alive in nature. My drawings, through their visual language, are another means of communicating with people, something about which I care a lot.

Viewing and creating art has given me great pleasure over the years, but I feel a “perfect fit” using the medium of graphite and colored pencil drawing. Although the process is slow and intensive, it is ultimately, very satisfying. I enjoy the blending, layering and detailing that allow me to represent a range of tones, textures, and, more important, light.

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