

## **Statement**

My paintings are done on hand woven Indian dupioni using fiber reactive silk dyes.

Previously, I have worked in many different art forms including printmaking, drawing, painting and mixed media. I also did a stint in textile design. While living in Southern California I produced a line of textiles for interiors.

I was drawn to working with silk and dyes because of the vibrant colors of the dyes and the wonderful texture of the silk. Since I am self-taught in this medium, I had no idea of traditional silk painting and developed my own way of applying and managing the unmanageable dyes. I did, however, have a sense of the imagery that I wanted, and was able, after many trials and much patience, to adapt a process that achieves my goals.

It was not until I started planting my own gardens about ten years ago that my imagery changed from abstract to realistic in the form of botanicals. I was so excited every time something emerged or bloomed that I felt compelled to capture this beautiful and amazing natural structure. The silk and dyes have offered the perfect canvas. Since then, I have been working to capture and portray the sense of beauty and wonder that I experience in the garden.

## **Presentation**

Each piece is tightly stretched, matted and framed with archival materials. The glass is museum grade with ultra violet protection. The frame is a simple black or gold frame but can be customized upon request. My work is also available unframed.

## **Education**

Skidmore College. BS in Studio Art

East Carolina University . Textile Design

San Diego State. Printmaking

## **Shows**

### **2013**

Architectural Digest Home Design Show, NYC

Armonk Art Festival, NY

American Craft Council, Baltimore

Berkshires Arts Festival, MA

Bethesda Fine Arts Festival, MD

Crafts Alliance, Chautauqua, NY

Gracie Square Art Show, NYC

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, VA

Norwich Farmers' Market, VT

Smithsonian Craft Show, DC

### **2012**

American Craft Council, Baltimore

Architectural Digest Home Show, NYC

American Craft Council, St Paul

Belleville Art on the Square, IL

Chicago Old Town Art Fair, IL

Amagansett Fine Arts, NY

Rittenhouse Square Arts Festival, PA

Armonk Art Festival, NY

Westchester Craft Show, NY

Washington Craft Show, DC

## **2011**

American Craft Council, Baltimore

American Craft Council, St Paul

Works Gallery, NYC

Grace Arts Festival, Reston, VA

Rittenhouse Square, PA

Cherry Creek Arts Festival, CO

River Gallery, Chattanooga, TN

Armonk Art Festival, NY

Bruce Museum Arts Festival, Greenwich, CT

Gracie Square Art Show, NYC

Westchester Craft Show, NY

Washington Craft Show, DC

*\*First place in painting. Bruce Museum Show, 2011*

*\*Best in 2D design, Sunapee 'Living with Design', 2010*

## **Galleries**

13 Forest Gallery, MA

Blue Moon Gallery, CT

League of NH Craftsmen, Concord, NH

League of NH Craftsmen, Hanover, NH

League of NH Craftsmen, North Conway, NH

Patricia Ladd Carega Gallery, NH

River Gallery, TN

Works Gallery, NYC

## **Commissions and Custom Work**

I do commissions for art consultants, designers and individuals who have ideas or needs for specific situations and spaces. Please call or e-mail to discuss.

My work is in both public and private collections.

Smilow- Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven: eleven paintings

Bridgeport Hospital, Yale New Haven Health: two paintings