

Susan M. Rose

Artist's Biography



Susan M. Rose was born and raised in western Michigan. Extensive travels throughout the United States with her family fostered an appreciation and love for the American landscape. She began painting at an early age and knew she would become an artist and an educator. Susan received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with an emphasis in painting from Michigan State University as well as a Master of Arts degree in education and completed further studies at Montana State University. She taught visual arts at a variety of levels. Following retirement, she has pursued a successful arts career which has enabled her to combine her artistic talents with her passion for nature and the environment.

An award-winning artist, Rose is predominantly a landscape painter whose surfaces are as rich as the terrain she hikes out to. She aims to represent her powerful surroundings through a simpler lens. Whether it be the windblown sand dunes of Michigan's west coast or the boundless Teton mountain range of Wyoming, she is interested in observing the energy of these places and echoing that two-dimensionally, not only thoughtfully but economically. Using only essential and intentional brush strokes while in pursuit of the connection to the world around her, Rose is able to represent in her landscapes the illusiveness of light and shadow. Rose is also passionate about conservation and preservation issues and to that end has done work to support the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, The Teton Regional Land Trust and the Jackson Hole Land Trust.

Susan teaches workshops, gives private lessons and has also been a judge for a number of art competitions. She currently resides in Teton Valley, Idaho and can be found enjoying the outdoors and sharing her enthusiasm for the arts.