Lynn Shanks

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ARTIST STATEMENT

My work is an observation of ordinary beauty, in both nature and humanity. I use mainly acrylic or watercolor paints to capture and share my unique perspective on a common subject. Although I would be categorized as a realist, I don't attempt to precisely replicate; I use color and movement to offer my own interpretation of a place, person, or thing. The Adirondack region I call home is a source of endless inspiration, as are the people in my life. Landscapes and living creatures are a staple in my work, along with the occasional narrative piece/series. I love that art in every form celebrates individuality while also encouraging a collective experience. I hope my paintings are a reminder to viewers that our natural environment and our liberties should not be taken for granted...both are vulnerable and must be protected.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 Places & Faces, Valley Artisans Market, Cambridge, NY Nature's Gifts, Tannery Pond, North Creek, NY

Naturally, North Country Arts 2nd Floor Gallery, Glens Falls, NY

2024 Art in Public Places, Saratoga Arts, Saratoga Springs, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 Art in Public Places, Lake George Arts Project, Lake George, NY
New York State Summer Art Show, Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, Gloversville, NY
Fence, Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy, NY
Energy & Stillness Juried Member Exhibition, Southern VT Arts Center, Manchester, VT
Expressions Juried Art Show, North Country Arts, Glens Falls, NY
Hello Out There, Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council, Glens Falls, NY

Member's Show, Albany Center Gallery, Albany, NY
 Member Show, Southern Vermont Arts Center, Burlington, VT
 My Way, North Country Arts, Glens Falls, NY
 Expressions Juried Art Show, North Country Arts, Glens Falls, NY
 Don't Worry, It's Just Art, North Country Arts, Glens Falls, NY
 Out of the Woods, Ti Arts, Ticonderoga, NY
 Everything Now Juried Show, Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council, Glens Falls, NY

RESIDENCIES/RETREATS

- 2025 Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council Artist Retreat at Wiawaka Center for Women, Lake George, NY
- 2024 Casa Posidonia Residency, Oliva, Valencia, Spain
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COMMISSIONS

- 2025 Untitled, pet portrait, 12 x 24" acrylic on stretched canvas, private collection, Surprise, AZ Lexie Grace, pet portrait, 10 x 20" acrylic on stretched canvas, private collection, South Glens Falls, NY
- 2024 Sunrise on Love Reunited, 12 x 9" acrylic on stretched canvas, private collection, Porter Corners, NY

Chickadee, 6 x 6" acrylic on stretched canvas, Porter Corners, NY

Short-Earred Owl, Bald Eagle, two 7 x 5" acrylic paintings on stretched canvas, private collection, South Salem, NY

Chatiemac, 8 x 10" watercolor and ink on paper, private collection, Queensbury, NY

Henry's Hummingbird, 8 x 10" acrylic on stretched canvas, private collection, Wappingers Falls, NY

Freedom, 8.5 x 11" watercolor and ink on paper, private collection, Mesa, AZ

I'll See You in My Dreams, 10 x 8" acrylic on stretched canvas, private collection, Mount Pleasant, SC

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

My work is in private collections in the following known locations:

San Francisco, CA

Mount Kisco, NY

Croton-on-Hudson, NY

South Salem, NY

Wappinger Falls, NY

Altamont, NY

Scatskill, NY

Scotia, NY

Surprise, AZ

Mesa, AZ

Queensbury, NY Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Glens Falls, NY Oliva, Valencia, Spain Porter Corners, NY Orba, Valencia, Spain

EDUCATION

1996 BS Arts Management - Visual Arts Concentration, Russell Sage College

ART-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

1996-2007 Volunteer Coordinator and Development Director at The Hyde Collection Art

Museum, Glens Falls, NY

Summer 1996 Museum Associate at National Museum of Dance, Saratoga Springs, NY