

Gwen Cates

Brief Artist Bio: International artist, Gwen Cates, lives and paints in Charlottesville, Virginia, returning after two decades in Santa Ynez, California. She began painting in the 1960s and has exhibited her work in Britain, Italy, the Caribbean, and across the United States. She describes herself as a contemporary colorist, creating experimental and playful abstract paintings in acrylic, often with collage elements. Many of her paintings have been inspired by earlier *en plein air* landscapes and figurative work. Traveling deeply into her subconscious and the world of dreams, Gwen Cates reveals fantasies from her imagination. She creates archetypal images and incorporates winged figures, horses, and other animals in her compositions. Swatches of fabric, lace, gold leaf and lichen from oak trees are some of the elements that are included in the paintings. She recently completed her Rivanna River series of oil on canvas landscapes.

Resume

Education & Continuing Education (1958-1978)

Virginia Commonwealth University, Fine Arts major

Hollins University, Fine Arts major, BA, *cum Laude*

Orkney Springs Workshops

James Madison University Art Department Mountain Lake Symposiums,

VPI and SU Art Departments

Selection of Art Exhibits (1979-2024)

- Alex Gallery (DuPont Circle, Washington D.C.)
- Another Gallery (Roanoke, VA)
- Art @ Grand Tales, (Santa Ynez, CA)
- Art Brut (Los Alamos, CA)
- Artemis Art Show (Roanoke, VA)
- Bryant & Co (Los Alamos, CA)
- C Gallery (Los Alamos, CA)
- Downtown Inn Art Gallery (Charlottesville, VA)
- Duquesne Club (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Edith Grove Gallery (London, England)
- Elverhoj Museum (Solvang, CA)

- Englefield Green Gallery (Surrey, UK)
- Faulkner Gallery East (Santa Barbara, CA)
- Gallery Bleu (Los Angeles, CA)
- Gallery 113 (Santa Barbara, CA)
- Gloria Delson Contemporary Gallery (Los Angeles, CA)
- Guild Room Gallery (Los Olivos, CA)
- Hill Gallery (Hampstead, London, England)
- Ivy Gallery (Charlottesville, VA)
- La Galerie (Gustavia, Saint Barthélemy, Caribbean)
- Living Gallery (Roanoke, VA)
- Martha Jefferson Hospital (Charlottesville, VA)
- Metro Gallery, Portobello Road (London International Show)
- Roanoke Museum of Fine Art (Roanoke, VA)
- Salon at the Granada (Los Angeles CA)
- San Luis Obispo Art Gallery (San Luis Obispo, CA)
- Santa Ynez Valley Artists (Santa Ynez, CA)
- Shaky Alibi Coffee Bar (Los Angeles, CA)
- Shaw Galleries, (Pittsburgh, PA)
- VIVA Gallery (Roanoke, VA)
- Yeatts Gallery (Roanoke, VA)

Numerous Selected Invitational and Juried Exhibits in California including:

- Arco Tower Exhibit (Downtown Los Angeles)
- C Gallery, PINK, group show (Los Alamos)
- Cameron Smith Antiques (Los Angeles)
- Cynthia's Restaurant (Los Angeles)
- Faulkner Gallery (Santa Barbara)
- Fleishman Auditorium, UCSB (Santa Barbara)
- Gallery 113 (Santa Barbara)
- Los Olivos Café, Santa Ynez Valley Landscapes (Los Olivos)
- Meisel Gallery (Santa Barbara)
- Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (Santa Barbara)

- Sedgwick, Featured Artist, UCSB Sedgwick Reserve (Santa Ynez Valley)
- Tantara Winery Open House multiple solo exhibits (Santa Maria)
- The Wildling Art Museum (Solvang)

Selection of Art Collectors with Gwen Cates Art

- A. Feiner private collection (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- Calavira Collection (Santa Ynez, CA)
- Challen Cates Collection (Los Angeles, CA)
- DuCray Collection (Huntsville, AL)
- Chumash Resort Hotel (Santa Ynez, CA)
- City of Roanoke Permanent Collection (Roanoke, VA)
- Dennees of Santa Ynez Valley (Santa Ynez, CA)
- Emmet Richardson Collection (Richmond, VA)
- Franklin Foster Collection (Williamsburg, VA)
- General Motors – Fanuc (Detroit, Michigan)
- Hamilton Collection (Aberdeenshire, Scotland)
- Howard Wills Collection (Princeville, HI)
- Karen Waldron Collection (Shawsville, VA)
- Jonathan Rogers, Attorney at Law (Floyd, VA)
- Joshua Golden (Coral Gables, Florida)
- Linda Foster Moves, Personal Training Center (Rome, Italy)
- Marianne Sullivan Collection (Santa Cruz, CA)
- Medical Facilities of America (Roanoke, VA)
- Panteli Collection (New York)
- Radford University, president’s executive office suite, (Radford, VA)
- Roanoke Civic Center (Roanoke, VA)
- Rogers and Hazelgrove, attorneys at Law (Roanoke, VA)
- Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (Santa Barbara, CA)
- Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital (Santa Ynez, CA)
- Steve Pompan (Los Angeles, CA)
- Trevor Cates Collection (Park City, Utah)

- Westworth Collection (Dorset, England)

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