

Fiona O'Downey

Biography

Fiona O'downey resides in Utica NY and is a working visual artist. She attended MWPI of Arts from 1995 to 1997. In 1980 she earned a BA in Social Work from Utica College and left the profession in 1994 to study fine arts. After art school she began creating large colorful abstracts, and in 2009 began working in the Precisionist Style, a theme she continues to explore. She had four Precisionist paintings in the 62nd Biennial at MWPI, has won many awards for her work and has many pieces in private collections. Fiona finds inspiration for her work in the passage of time, the sun across the sky, in shadows and the silvery light cast from old windows, as well as the buildings she sees while passing through a city. While creating a piece the piece becomes an eye watching her watch it. There are stories to tell. These old buildings are containers of human memories which speak mysteriously to her, thus she follows the thread through the labyrinth until those mysteries are revealed.