

JOAN TARBELL-PLATO



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Artist Bio:

Joan Tarbell-Plato began her love of art in childhood on the shores of Lake Ontario. After a successful Computer Science career, she dove into the art world studying painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), with several internationally known artists and studied printmaking at the University of Maryland at College Park.

She is a juried member of the International Society of Experimental Artists (ISEA), the Baltimore Watercolor Society (BWS) and the National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) and has won numerous first place awards for her paintings. For more than 20 years her works have been shown in solo and group exhibits in Baltimore, Frederick, Columbia, Ellicott City, Frostburg, Washington D.C., Massachusetts, Virginia, Michigan and Florida. Her art is held in both private and corporate collections.

Artist Statement:

Plato's paintings evolve rich in color and energy. She states, "In my paintings I want to express the freedom of play, using mainly color, texture, shape and line, to reflect a celebration of life and new worlds." She begins each piece freely using flow acrylics, then applies layers of media that may include collaged photography, imprinted natural elements and material patterns. She also combines drawing and painting as the layers evolve. This multimedia layered approach is essential to her, as she feels it truly reflects our daily thinking and actions. She feels it is important to work in your own unknown territory in order to meet your hidden truths. Plato works on multiple surfaces to include board, canvas and yupo paper. A poet and bookmaker, she oftentimes incorporates ideas from those worlds into her wide world of painting.

Education:

Studied in Art Workshops (by Internationally Known Artists)

Maryland Institute College of Art - Certificate In Fine Arts (Painting 4.0) 1996

State University of New York at Oswego - BA Mathematics

Selected Exhibitions (Juried Shows):

ISEA 2025 Annual Juried Show Ormand Memorial Art Museum, Florida

ISEA Juried Online Show 2024

Baltimore Watercolor Society MidAtlantic Show 2024 Kentlands Mansion, Maryland

Art Howard County 2023, Howard County Arts Center Ellicott City, MD

Baltimore Watercolor Society MidAtlantic Show 2023 Kentlands Mansion Gaithersburg, MD

ISEA (Intern. Society of Experimental Artists) 2023 Annual Juried Show MA (*Merit Award)

Columbia Art Center Show 2023 (*Third Place Award) for “Journey During COVID”

Baltimore Watercolor Society MidAtlantic Show 2022 “Pear Journey” (*Honorable Mention)

HCAC (Howard County Arts Center) Juried Show 2022 “Cape Day”

ISEA Juried Online Show 2022

ISEA Annual Juried Show 2021 Mackinac Island Michigan

Columbia Arts Center Juried Show 2020 “Motherhood”

ISEA Annual Juried Show 2019 “Motherhood”

District Arts Gallery Frederick MD Annual Juried Show 2019

ISEA Annual Juried Show 2018 “Honoring Whitten”

HCAC (Howard County Arts Center) Juried Show 2018 “Heron World”

Delaplaine Visual Arts Center Frederick MD Juried Show 2014

Laurel Art League Multi State Show - 2010,2008 (*Award First Place)

Alexandria Art League 2010*(Jan, March, Apr) 2009 *(April, June, Aug, Sept)

Women’s Caucus for Art Southeast Regional Show 2009

Art Howard County Juried at Rockland 2009

Art Maryland 2008 at Rockland (Juror Graduate Dean Emeritus MICA)

Patuxent Art League Juried Show 2008

BWS Reserve Show 2000 (*Award 2nd Place); Slayton House 2000 (*Award First Place)

Baltimore Watercolor Society MidAtlantic Show 1999,1998

Fairhaven Juried Show 1998

Fells Point MidAtlantic Regional 1998 (*Honorable Mention)

Art Howard County 1996 at Rockland (Juror Dean of Corcoran School of Art)

Howard County Art Guild Show (*Juror's Award Best of Show)

Maryland Institute College of Art Juried Shows 1993, 1994

Selected Group Exhibitions:

Women's Caucus for Art (WCA/DC) at Dennis & Philip Ratner Museum 2008

BWS Group Columbia Arts Center 2008, 2001, 1998

BWS Group Show Hagerstown Museum 1999

MD Art League Show Morgan Millard Gallery 1998, Baltimore World Trade Center 1997

Solo Artist Shows:

"A River Runs Through" at the Artist's Gallery Ellicott City October 2022

"We Want Clean Water" at the Artists Gallery Frederick MD October 2016

"Bird Habitats" at the Artists Gallery Frederick, MD November 2014

Active Art Organizations:

ISEA International Society of Experimental Artists Juried Member since 2020

(ISEA-NF Honored as a Nautilus Fellow in 2023 for six juried shows)

Baltimore Watercolor Society Juried Member since 1997

