



Artist Statement:

Amidst the darkness and cruelty of everyday life, we, as human beings, continually search to find “the meaning of it all.” I have asked countless people to summarize in one word what makes life worth living. The answers I received include: love, joy, purpose, pleasure, and family. After considering each of these words, I arrived at a single word that I believe encompasses all of them.

Beauty.

My body of work consists of prints and illustrations that explore the concept of beauty through the lens of nature. When observing nature, we as viewers are captivated by the beauty we see in colorful sunsets, light filtering through the trees, the stillness of the open ocean, and even the devastation wrought by a storm. I examined these instances and translated the visual beauty into themes such as the transience of seasons, diversity of life, and the times of both peacefulness and trial. Through these themes, I discovered that nature is a lot like us. Hence, I began incorporating a figure into my nature scenes that would function to illustrate a theme of human life that is in accord with nature.

When I create, I strive to combine these two facets of nature: its visual beauty that draws us in and its innate beauty contained in the themes that parallel humanity—because I have found that these are the aspects of life that make it all worthwhile.