**Artist Statement**

Every painting has a story to tell. For me, the challenge is to convey that story through color and form. Unlike a photograph, which captures every detail whether it is significant or not, I believe that a good painting brings out the subject’s true essence.

This is a painting of our cat, Ridley, at our camp in Maine. Although he enjoys the comfort of being indoors, he is drawn to the exciting great unknown outside ... no matter what the weather.