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I am a Los Angeles artist whose paintings in watercolor, oil and acrylic reflect three years of study with Alex Vilumsons, and combined study and teaching with Artist Co-op 7 since 1995. My study has expanded to monotype studio workshops with Ruth Weisberg in Italy and at the University of Southern California.

My watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings explore the surface of a two-dimensional graphic world and break away from full subject identity and realism. Surfaces are textured with experimental treatments employing the effects of wax resist, collage, and multiple layers of paint. Subject matter ranges from landscape and built environments to the figure, animals, and still life.

I reap the benefits of teaching with Artist Co-op 7 and the positive energy of working with studio groups.



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Susan Gesundheit is associated with Artist Co-op 7 classes at the Whizin Center for continuing education at the American Jewish University, where she team-teaches watercolor and figure drawing classes. Sixteen years after her B.A. in Art from UCLA, she began classes with Alex Vilumsons, whose right brain drawing approach turned her art toward a more creative and personal direction. She joined Artist Co-op 7, a group formed out of his classes, and has grown as an exhibiting artist through their classes and venues.

Susan chairs the art gallery committee for USC Hillel that brings inspiring art for the students to view. She is also a member of Collage Artists of America, Women Painter's West, and Valley Watercolor Society, and has received awards through their juried shows.

She currently exhibits in the Salon at VIVA Gallery in Sherman Oaks and the Rental Gallery at LACMA. Additionally, Susan has participated in monotype workshops in Italy and at USC with Ruth Weisberg, Dean of the USC Gayle Garner Roski School of Fine Arts.



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