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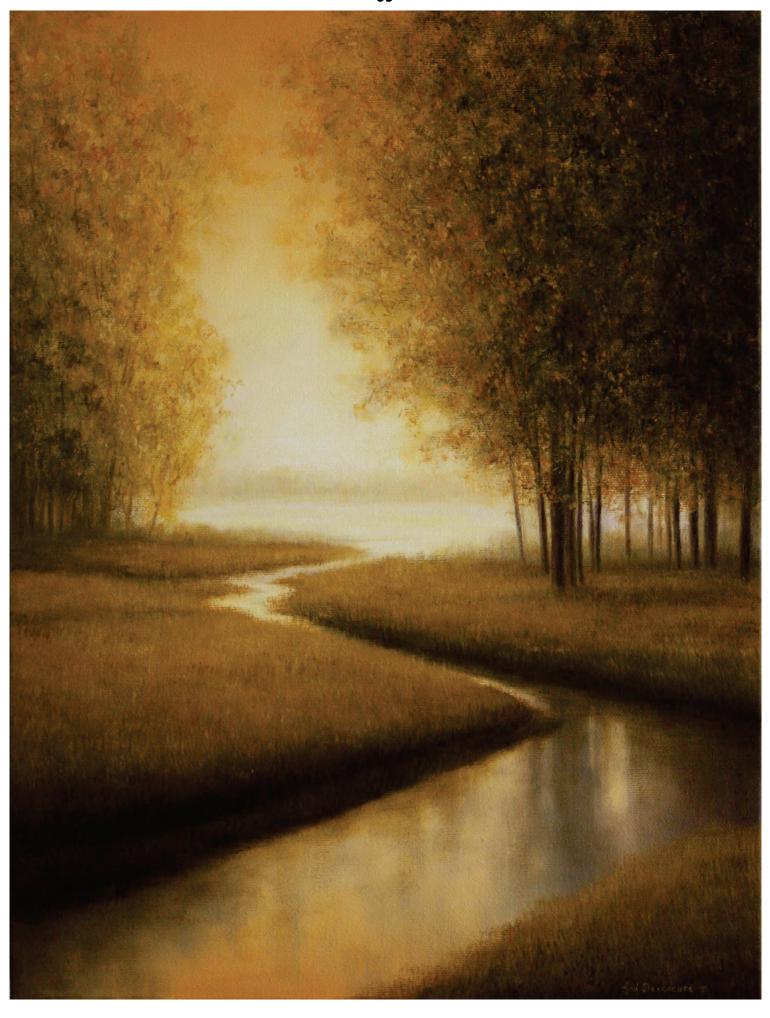


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I was born in Montreal in 1962 and grew up in a suburb of Montreal that was quite rural. My childhood home was surrounded by forests and nearby fields which became my playground, my sacred place. I am, what you could say, a child of nature drawn to the natural sense of beauty and harmony that borders on the mystical. Not only does nature feed my soul but also fills my creative imagination. The brook, the wind in the trees, the animals or birds that cross my path all speak to me.

At an early age of 17 a desire to paint drew me to pull out my Father's easel and oil paints. That desire has been a constant guiding light.

My style of painting is contemporary realism that borders on the mystical. I like the viewers to drift into my paintings and into their hearts!! To feel the mood, the sense of calm and peace. To evoke emotions once felt. My paintings reflect me.

Dreams, my imagination, sketches from my travels, a color, a poem, a song, my photos, a run, a hike, a simple lonely tree along a country road, a memory all can evoke ideas for my paintings. Those ideas once I start to paint can change quickly as there are always surprises that come along the way and that is when I know the painting is taking over and now has a life of its own.

When I paint, I never feel that I am painting alone despite painting alone.

All my life I have been very physically active and need to spend time outdoors daily. Nature hikes, runs, cross country skiing, paddle boarding, kayaking, sailing, cycling, travelling and more provide inspiration that energize my creativity, "my muse"!! If I go too many days without being creative my "muse" gets very restless and I also get very restless if I am not able to get time outdoors.

My goal is to keep evolving as an artist, to continue to bring viewers to beautiful places of quietude and to keep growing as a person as I am always trying to move beyond myself. Teaching, sharing and giving will always be in my plans.

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