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## ARTIST STATEMENT

Marie enjoys filling her paintings with feminine subjects. Her figurative works are filled with feminine mystique and her florals are lush and deeply colored. In each painting she tries to capture one reflective moment, punctuated with symbolic elements that portray a powerful message; a place where the viewer can find a connecting emotional bond.

Marie always knew she would become an artist. While other girls were playing house, her artistic French mother taught her to paint. As a teenager, her best friends were always pencils and paint. Although she considers herself self-taught, she studied fine arts and art history at Montana colleges, and later studied printmaking at Gonzaga University.

Marie returned to serious oil painting in 2003 after a twenty year respite, in which she raised her children and explored watercolor, colored pencil and pastel. Since then her work has evolved from simple, colorful statements into meaningful explorations of personal subjects.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marie's childhood was spent moving from place to place. As an adult, she made the conscious decision to stay in one place and has lived in the small, southwest community of Kalama, Washington for 27 years. In spite of a shortage of artistic opportunities, she feels connected to the community.

Marie has been involved in numerous group and featured artist exhibitions, and has won several awards. Her work is displayed in local restaurants, gift shops, banks, and businesses. Over the years, her paintings have been acquired by friends, family, local collectors, businesses and corporate offices. She paints in her studio overlooking a scenic Columbia River vista while her cat sleeps by her easel.

Marie subscribes to many artistic publications and is constantly refining her understanding of painting techniques. She is inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe, Gustav Klimt, Claude Monet and Vincent van Gogh, to name a few. Seeing their paintings in museums around the nation has given her new insight, helping her to overcome obstacles and remain true to her artistic spirit.