

Kevan F Willington

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About the artist . . .

Botanical artist Kevan F. Willington was born in Sioux City, Iowa and was raised in Omaha, Nebraska near a heavily wooded farm. It was there that he first developed an appreciation for the gifts of nature. After graduating from the Colorado Institute of Art in 1980, he began his career as a graphic artist. After years of doing commercial work, he discovered that, rather than merely providing a service for his clients, the only way to produce art depicting his own inner vision was to paint.

In Montana, Kevan initially painted plein air landscapes outdoors, and later finished them in his studio, giving his work a dreamy ethereal quality. While his graphic-art training and natural color sense produced some dynamic compositions, he craved the loose painterly flow that comes with an educated hand.

Years of attending life-painting sessions gave his hand experience and made his paintings more decisive and immediate. Still needing to paint something more intimate, he returned to the Twin Cities and began painting botanicals.

Kevan now maintains a studio in St. Paul and exhibits nationally.