

Watercolor Demonstration by Nancy Howell **On Zoom, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Dear Members and Guests, in this our 30th anniversary year, we are pleased to host well-known professional artist Nancy Howell, who was a member of Dedham Art Association in our early days. Nancy has a new "watercolor collage" technique to show us! Members will receive the Zoom invitation in an email. Non-members are invited to participate by sending an RSVP email to our email address. There's no charge for members and guests are asked for a \$5 donation.

-- Naomi Wilsey, president

Nancy Howell, Watercolorist



A native of Massachusetts, Nancy Sargent Howell attended Skidmore College as an art major, where, having explored many color and design classes, and assisted in teaching a drawing class, she soon fell in love with watercolor painting. "Watercolors don't always do what you

expect", she says, "and although that can be frustrating, it also sends me into unplanned directions which I find very energizing." Although much of Nancy's work is done outdoors, she uses the information that she gathers from plein air paintings to develop studio work that has a more abstract quality. She often uses a method of glazing her work that she calls "prisming." "I don't know where the ideas come from," she says, "but after I had been

doing it for a while, I realized that, as a child, I loved cubist paintings and have always loved jigsaw puzzles."

In recent years, Nancy has started doing more acrylic paintings and is finding that the combination of all the water media is working together. "I love the vibrancy of acrylics so that my watercolors are becoming stronger. I'm now a lot more excited about the basic shapes that I make when I plan my paintings and they are helping to create more interesting compositions. I have recently been taking old, abstract paintings and placing new information on top of them, sometimes using collage to add more excitement. Often, they have a recognizable subject in them but are settled into a very geometric background. It's always interesting to take a bit of my past and put what I love today on top of it."



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Nancy's website:

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