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# Learn more about the creative process

## Why Impressionism?

**Impressionism captures fleeting effects of light and shadow**, the way sun moves across water and clouds, or sweeps across a field of flowers. Since I love to paint water, skies and gardens, it is a style that continually inspires me.

**The phenomenon of Impressionism arose in late 19<sup>th</sup> century France** as a reaction against the dominant tight Academic style of painting. Claude Monet is my favorite Impressionist. Monet's painting, *Impression--Sunrise*, created a stir when it was first shown in 1874 because its bright, sketchy style was radically new at the time.



Sunrise Herring Boats, 12 x 16"  
Oil on canvas with maple frame \$490

**Monet's painting was an inspiration for *Golden Gate Sunrise***, a view from San Francisco's Baker Beach, and *Golden Gate Sunset*, a view from Marin's East Fort Baker.

Light moving on clouds and water are the essence of both prints, while the Golden Gate Bridge, a grand subject in itself, becomes a vehicle for painting glorious colors in sky and water. Monet also inspired *Sunrise Herring Boats*.



Golden Gate Sunrise, 12 x 16" print  
Giclée print on paper \$85  
Framed & matted print \$245

**Monet's country house, his restored gardens in Giverny, France**, inspired the print *Monet's House and Garden*, where the green-shuttered house is glimpsed through an abundance of roses and delphiniums. The original oil of this painting is in a private collection in Los Angeles.



Monet's House & Garden, 16 x 20" print  
Framed giclée print on canvas \$225  
Giclée print on paper \$95

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Golden Gate Sunset, 12 x 16" print  
Giclée print on paper \$85, framed & matted print \$245

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**Often I'll paint a small and large version of the same scene.** The Bay Area estate gardens of Filoli inspired both *Poppy Garden* and *Garden of Roses*. *Poppy Garden* captures the essence of a California spring. *Garden of Roses* is a small oil painting (12" x 16") which I liked so much, I decided to paint a large version, *California Garden* (30" x 40" \$1490).

**I'm always on the lookout for fresh landscape ideas.** These days I carry my digital camera as well as a sketchbook to develop sources for paintings. Later, I work with photos on my computer to alter the contrast, composition, and color balance for additional inspiration.



Poppy Garden, 12 x 16"  
Giclée print on canvas \$175  
Original oil with maple frame \$490



Garden of Roses, original oil, 12 x 16" \$490



Digitally altered photo might inspire a painting.

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