

JENNIFER KASSING

Biography

Jennifer Kassing depicts non-native flora juxtaposed with industrial and rural landscapes of her region. Whether painting in plein air or in the studio, the subject matter gives her a sense of personal connection with the images she represents.

Jennifer uses both watercolor and oil as mediums to depict the Lowcountry.

Growing up in South Carolina, Jennifer spent time in both the cities and rural areas of the state. Her favorite television show growing up was “Nature Scene”. Which is a program that shows and describes the native wildlife and habitats of South Carolina. Since childhood she has had a love of the Lowcountry and local nature. Jennifer in 2001 graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design and received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting. She decided to return to the Savannah College of Art and Design and received a Master of Fine Arts in Painting in 2003.

Jennifer’s work is about representing the Lowcountry landscapes and flora that have a personal connection with her. “I love pushing miles of space into a 2-D surface,” she said. Her work is about vast empty spaces in which nature is the dominant and intimate views of flora. “The concrete from the cities are pushing out into the country at an alarming rate and I’m interested in the relationship and interaction between man, industry, and nature,” said the artist. Jennifer’s work captures what is left of untouched nature opposed with the industry that dominates the horizon line. Her flora paintings are idealized which speak to the idea of artificiality in nature with the introduction of non-native flora.

Jennifer has participated in numerous juried and group shows in the Southeast. In 2003, her solo show entitled *Opposing Points of View* was held at Opus Gallery in Savannah, Georgia. Jennifer’s work can be found in private collections around the country and internationally as well as public collections such as the Burke County Board of Education in Waynesboro, Georgia and at the Turner House in the permanent collection of the Savannah College of Art and Design.