

**First wall** (next to header panel)



**Tigers on Fire**  
oil on canvas  
32" x 36" \$6700



**Kale**  
oil on canvas  
24" x 36" \$5200



**Ginger and Roger**  
oil on canvas  
36" x 48" \$8500



**Giant Cannas**  
oil on canvas  
36" x 48" \$8500

**Second wall** (left to right)



**Caladium**  
oil on canvas  
36" x 18" \$4500



**Rudbeckia Daisies**  
oil on canvas  
17" x 40" \$4500



**Purple Iris Family**  
oil on canvas  
30" x 40" \$7700



**Large Yellow Iris**  
oil on canvas  
30" x 40" \$7700



**Passion Flower & Fruit**  
oil on canvas  
40" x 32" \$7900

Susan Brabeau in her own words:

I am the great granddaughter of an incredible stone sculptor who brought his family to America from Germany. I share his passion to create and offer it up to others. All three of my Great uncles were portrait painters. I graduated with a teaching degree in math and science from Michigan State University, did the beauty pageant circuit, sang my way through school singing with a big band in Detroit, sang for two presidents, sang the soundtrack for a movie that was nominated for an Academy Award, was an actress in New York, was the female lead in a musical called Shenandoah on Broadway. But here is the important part. I am a wife, a mother, and am devoted to the care and rescue of animals of all kinds, all of this on my wonderful old farm in North Carolina. I carried a newborn bunny in my shirt for 4 days to keep him warm after he lost his Mom. Life is so precious. Very seldom will you find any of my work without animals in them. They are my best friends at home. After 25 years of constant painting and exploring my craft, I am now only seeing a glimmer of what I can do as an artist. Hard times have made me search my heart for what is really important for me to put on canvas and how I want to express myself.

# Susan Brabeau

*Welcome to my garden!*



In March of 2019, I decided to embark on a new journey with my oil paintings, detouring from a career as a portrait painter and "Magic Realist" artist. My creative pivot was an immersion into the extensive gardens on my farm to paint flowers and vegetable plants. I use a special combination of oil paints and iridescent enamels, so the paintings glow even in normal light.

Part of my process has been to take photos at night with a special head lamp and flashlight. During these explorations, I come across all kinds of interesting insects and amphibians, lurking in the dark, nocturnal dwellers of this enchanted kingdom. I backlight most of my night photos so that the colors pop in my paintings.



**Vintage Golden Roses**  
Oil on canvas  
19.5" x 26" \$4900



**Night's Beacon**  
oil on canvas  
32" x 42" \$7700

**Susan's artwork is available for purchase through the Umstead Gift Shop.**

**Hours: Sun. – Wed. 9am – 8pm, Thurs. – Sat. 9am - 9pm**

We kindly request that purchased work stays in the gallery for the duration of the show, so that all visitors may enjoy it. Special requests for early release can be arranged. Please visit the Gift Shop for more information.

Susan Brabeau's exhibition will be on display from Dec. 2021 – March 2022