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## *About the Artist: Sara Linda Poly*

*"I have always been at home under the open sky. To try and capture in paint the beauty and mystery of the skies and nature is a joy like no other....it is like coming home."*

- Sara Linda Poly

Born in 1945 and raised near Philadelphia, Sara Linda Poly has spent many years living, traveling, painting, and teaching in the US, Europe, and Mexico. Known for her radiant light and her sweeping skies and landscapes, she is the winner of numerous awards and participant in many local and national shows. Currently a full-time painter and instructor, she lives and maintains a studio in Easton, MD.

### **Comments from collectors, critics and students include:**

"Her colors seem to glow...." "A wonderful sense of light...."

"A master at capturing the moods of the sky...."

"Her paintings exude warmth, drama, intimacy and vastness all at the same time...."

"There is a freshness to her work that invites the viewer to breathe in the air.."

### **Education:**

Philadelphia Academy of Art

Montgomery College of Art and Design

NOVA Community College, and study with various local and national artists.

### **Professional Experience:**

1999 – Present

Instructor- painting classes and workshops

1992 – 1999

Assistant Gallery Director, The Art League , Alexandria, VA

1980 – 1992

Freelance illustration, graphic design, portrait and mural commissions

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## **Professional Memberships:**

Washington Society of Landscape Painters  
Oil Painters of America  
Salmagundi Club, NYC

## **Magazine Articles:**

Elan  
Plein Air  
International Artist  
Southwest Art  
Fine Art Connoisseur  
American Art Collector

## **Selected Honors and Shows:**

### **2020**

Juried Participant-Plein Air Easton  
National Waterfowl Festival  
Group Exhibition, Troika Gallery, Easton, MD

### **2019**

Regional Oil Painters of America Exhibition, McNeil Gallery, Birmingham, Alabama  
Feature Article in Plein Air Magazine Sept 2019 issue  
Oil Painters of America Award, Spring Online Salon

### **2018**

Annual National Oil Painters of America Exhibition, Steamboat Springs, CO  
Exhibition of New Works, Berkley Gallery, Warrenton, VA  
International Waterfowl Festival, Easton, MD  
Washington Society of Landscape Painters Annual Exhibition, Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA

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## **2017**

Winner First Place Small Paintings, Easton Plein Air, Easton, MD  
Judge of Finger Lakes Plein Air National Competition  
Regional Oil Painters of America Exhibition, Eisele Gallery, Cincinnati, OH

## **2016**

Grand Prize winner Plein Air Easton National Competition  
Regional Oil Painters of America Show  
Washington Society of Landscape Painters Annual Exhibition, American  
Painting Fine Art, Washington, DC

## **Previous Honors Include:**

First Place International Artist Magazine Landscape Award and Feature Article  
Academy Art Museum, purchase of painting for permanent collection.

Juried Participant in many National Plein Air Competitions

Mural Sized Commissions include:

The Community Hospital, Ft Belvoir, MD

The Salamander Spa, Middleburg, VA

American Impressionist Society National Show

The Salmagundi Club, NYC. (Award for Outstanding Work)

Benefit for the Children's Art Foundation, San Miguel de Allende, MX

Mayor's Exhibition of Visiting Artists, Barga, Italy

Mayor's Exhibition with Students, Kalymnos, Greece

Academy Art Museum: Three Woman Exhibit.