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## *About the Artist: Sara Linda Poly*

Sara Linda Poly, originally from the Philadelphia area, studied at university in PA, VA, MD., and with local and national artists.

Sara's experience includes illustration and design and working as a gallery director and instructor at the Art League Gallery, in Alexandria, VA.

Known for her light, skies and landscapes, she has been the winner of numerous awards and a participant in many regional and national shows. Magazine articles include International Artist, Plein Air, and Southwest Art and Elan Magazines.

Traveling and teaching around the US, Europe and Mexico Sara teaches classes and workshops locally and internationally.

Memberships include: The Oil Painters of America, The Washington Society of Landscape Painters, and The Salmagundi Club, NYC.

"I have always been at home under the open sky. Trying to capture the beauty and mystery of nature with paint is a joy like no other...it is like coming home."

### **Education:**

Philadelphia Academy of Art  
Montgomery College of Art and Design  
NOVA Community College

### **Professional Experience:**

1999 – Present  
Instructor- plein air and studio painting classes and workshops  
1992 – 1999  
Assistant Gallery Director, The Art League , Alexandria, Virginia  
1980 - 1992  
Freelance illustration, graphic design, portrait and mural commissions

### **Professional Memberships:**

Washington Society of Landscape Painters  
Oil Painters of America

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Mid Atlantic Plein Air Painters of America  
Salmagundi Club, NYC

## **Selected Honors:**

2017

Winner First Place Small Paintings, Easton Plein Air  
Judge- Finger Lakes Plein Air National Competition  
Regional Oil Painters of America Show

2016

Grand Prize Winner Plein Air Easton National Competition  
Regional Oil Painters of America Show

2015 and previous

First Place International Artist Magazine Landscape Award  
Academy Art Museum, Purchase of painting for permanent collection Feature  
Juried Participant in National Plein Air Competitions in many states in the US

## **Magazine Articles:**

Elan

Plein Air

International Artist Magazine

Southwest Art Magazine

## **Mural Sized Commissions:**

The Community Hospital, Ft Belvoir, MD

The Salamander Spa, Middleburg, VA.

## **Group Exhibitions:**

National and Regional Oil Painters of America Shows

American Impressionist 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 Exhibition

## **Solo Exhibitions:**

