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## *About the Artist: Sara Linda Poly*

Sara Linda Poly was born in 1945 and resided in Philadelphia until 1977 when she moved to Washington, D.C. During her time in Philadelphia she attended the Philadelphia College of Art and she then furthered her education in Maryland and Virginia. Poly attended the Montgomery College of Art and Design in Takoma Park/Silver Spring, Maryland and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). She also studied alongside various local and national artists. Poly went on to own a small illustration and design business, and later held the position as the assistant gallery director at the Art League Gallery here in Alexandria, Virginia.

Her travels around the country, particularly the west, and abroad, led her to focus her attention on landscape painting. Poly is known for her sweeping skies and landscapes, inspired by local eastern scenes, western vistas and other locations to which her love of plein air painting has taken her. She has spent many years living, traveling, and teaching around the United States, Europe, and Mexico. Currently, the artist works full-time painting and teaching. She teaches classes in plein air and studio painting at the Art League School in Alexandria, and the Easton Studio, in Easton, Maryland. Poly also teaches various travel workshops locally, nationally, and abroad.

Sara Linda Poly has been the winner of numerous awards and a participant in many national and regional shows, as well as plein air competitions. She has been featured in International Artist Magazine and Plein Air Magazine. Poly's awards include; First Place International Artists Magazine Landscape Award, Best Maryland Artist 2012, the Grand Prize Winner at Plein Air Easton 2016, and First Place in the Small Paintings competition at Plein Air Easton 2017. She is a member of The Oil Painters of America, The Salmagundi Club in New York City, and The Washington Society of Landscape Painters. Sara Linda Poly currently lives and maintains a studio in Easton, Maryland.

### **Education:**

Philadelphia Academy of Art

Montgomery College of Art and Design

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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

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:**

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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:**

South Street Art Gallery, Easton, MD  
Berkley Gallery, Warrenton, VA  
Warm Springs Gallery, Warm Springs, VA