



**Summer Hydrangeas** 48 x 48 inches Watercolor and encaustic

## Denise Sagan

## Bio

Denise Sagan is a painter working in Fayetteville Arkansas. Her work has garnered numerous awards including 2 Best of Show awards in the Artists of Northwest Arkansas Regional Exhibition. Born and raised in central Wisconsin, Denise studied art at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design before finishing her art degree at the University of Arkansas. Her early art career included 19 years as an illustrator and designer for Dayspring Cards as well as creating several commissioned portraits. Since going full time with her artist career in 2018, Denise has explored different mediums and genres from abstract to representational. While renewing her love for painting the human face and figure, she has also experimented successfully with abstract florals and nature. Her explorations on a cracked plaster surface are especially unique and beautiful.

## **Artist Statement**

Ever since I can remember, I've found beautiful things a joy to draw and paint. I am especially drawn to painting nature with its various colors, forms and textures while also concentrating on the human face and figure. I see painting as a way of exploring the world and then translating those discoveries into something that can be shared with others. It's like putting a spotlight on something I want people to see.