## Artist's Statement

"Art is the reflection of life that resides in all of us. It is the wooden spoon that stirs emotion. It calms the soul or curdles your blood. A piece of art can be a gentle friend, a stern companion, or a way to escape or revere "normal". My paintings are a glimpse into the core of human perception with color and images that provoke thoughts and memories of the past...and hopes that linger just out of reach in the future.

Working in a larger format I experience a sense of belonging with my paintings. There is an intimacy that I feel when I use my palette knife, hand, or brush.

Adding layer upon layer of color, the depth of paint reveals the life of the subject. As the image emerges there is that wonderful moment of recognition,

Ahh...There you are!"

Deborra Marshall Bohrer