

# BARBARA HARDY

Abstract Expressionist

## Profile

Barbara Hardy creates evocative, atmospheric abstractions marked by a strong sense of play and intuitive expression. Her work explores layered forms and subtle colour relationships, allowing each mark to inform the next and build a natural rhythm of tone and movement.

Her paintings reflect lived experience, holding a quiet narrative that sits between abstraction and suggestion. They invite the viewer into immersive environments where meaning is not fixed, but gradually revealed.

## Artist Statement

Painting is a necessity. I love everything about it — the physical act, the sound, the smell, and the challenge. The questions of where to begin and when to stop create a space for play, where all these elements come together intuitively.

## Education

Appalachian State University

East Carolina School of Art

## Selected Exhibitions

Piedmont Arts – Martinsville, VA

Two-person exhibition with Bob Ray (Current)

Turchin Center for Visual Art – Boone, NC

Two-person exhibition with Bob Ray

Imperial Art Center – Rocky Mount, NC

Solo exhibition

Barton College – Wilson, NC

Group exhibition

Raleigh Fine Arts Society Show – Raleigh, NC

Juried exhibition

## Awards & Recognition

Best Acrylic & People's Choice Award — Alice Stallings Fine Art Show, Washington, NC

Honorable Mention — Raleigh Fine Arts Society Show, Raleigh, NC