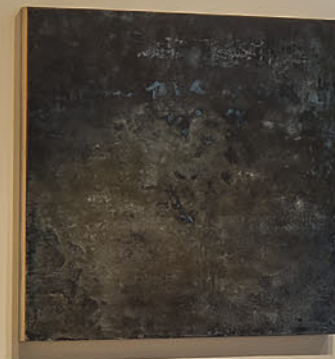


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# Suzanne Hazlett



## The Founder



Co-founder of the Wood River Studio Tour, Suzanne Hazlett, has a duality to her space as well as her life. She is a financier by day and an artist by night. Despite the messy nature of art, her workspace is extremely tidy and Suzanne herself looks completely polished. Her studio space is divided into a front “gallery” space with her actual workspace tucked away in a closed-off room. This duality in her life comes through in her paintings as well. While many artists tend to tell a story through their paintings, Suzanne’s are non-narrative by choice. Says Suzanne, “If there’s a story to be told, it’s the story that the viewer brings to the painting when they see it. Because of the level of detail I work in during the day, I’m drawn to the lack of demarcation in a painting.”

While Suzanne has always been creative, she only began seriously painting nine years ago. Drawing upon her degrees in art history, science, and business, she has perfected the art of art business, drawing inspiration from other artists who have the same great business acumen and discipline.

Her process is one of both intent and putting herself at the mercy of her painting. “There’s a quote that I identify with by Ralph Rapson, the architect,” says Suzanne. “To paraphrase, ‘develop infallible technique and then surrender yourself to inspiration.’” Suzanne will paint in the wee hours of the morning before work and also after work as well as dedicating as much as 20 hours of a weekend to her craft. This kind of dedication has produced paintings comprised of many layers, each layer owing to a different moment of process and to a different intent.

When asked about the Tour, Suzanne couldn’t be more thrilled to be in their second year. “The Tour makes it more accessible to visit informal spaces. The studio visit is really about the process and by meeting and asking questions of the artist, it can add more meaning to how the viewer perceives art.”



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