



## **GAYLE JOSEPH**

### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

Gayle (Viale) Joseph was born in Sacramento, California, where she studied fine arts at the State University of California at Sacramento. Influenced by artists Wayne Thiebaud and Gregory Kondos, she developed a strong foundation in painting before moving to Philadelphia in 1966.

While raising two children, she continued to pursue her artistic interests, and in 1980 she was selected as a special student for independent graduate-level study under nationally renowned painter Neil Welliver at the University of Pennsylvania. Her primary artistic focus is portraiture—both human and animal—and she also enjoys creating still lifes in pencil, oil, acrylic, gouache, and watercolor.

A longtime member of the Philadelphia Sketch Club and resident of University City, she retired from her role as a senior research resources manager at the University of Pennsylvania in 2022