

Artist Statement

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I begin each painting on site from real life, and over the years, I have painted many spring flowers, particularly tulips. On a rainy day in April, 2020, when tulips were in full bloom, as was the apple tree, and the magnolia tree; the spirea about to burst, I decided it was my only chance to capture the incredible beauty. The painting was done quickly, in about 2 hours, at which point my canvas and I were soaked. The tulip painting began years ago. This year, I pulled it out storage and completed it using white lines to define each tulip from a photograph I took while painting the original.