Biography

Susan Van Campen's plein-air oil paintings are painted with the confident brushwork of a watercolorist, achieving bold impressions of Maine's landscapes. Her small impressions capture big moments – rapidly changing weather, vast landscapes, dramatic shadows, and heavy clouds.

Susan Van Campen received her certificate of fine art from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, PA. She has had solo exhibitions at Hirschl and Adler Modern, New York, NY; Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA; Clark Gallery, Lincoln, MA; and Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia, PA, among others. Her works are held in numerous public collections both nationally and internationally.

"I like to paint what I see that strikes me at the moment. Things that don't last long – like flowers and skies, water, the sunrise, clouds, approaching storms, a dandelion, an open tulip just before the petals fall off – a poppy bud before it bursts ... as simple as possible, without laboring. I am trying to capture the color and shape the first time, that's all."