

Cathleen Engelsen: Paintings and Prints

Born and raised in Surf City on Long Beach Island, New Jersey, Cathleen Engelsen is inspired by the southern New Jersey coastal region to document historical and contemporary scenes. She paints landscapes from throughout the state, but favors the scenery closest to her home in Ocean County.

In her recent work, Engelsen paints Long Beach Island landmarks of the past using the medium of watercolor. These paintings are more impressionistic than her other works, employing the contrast of white paper to enhance the bright and airy compositions.



Her artwork has become a way to honor beloved local landmarks. She states: “My inspiration is drawn from our breathtaking coastal scenery and the natural beauty of the seashore. I’m inspired to preserve historical landmarks in my paintings to encourage the conservation of our rich heritage in Ocean County.”

Engelsen is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Art and student of the Fleischer Art Memorial and has exhibited throughout New Jersey for over 40 years. In 2016, the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission honored her with a Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award for contributions to the quality of life in the county. McDonald’s commissioned her to create a series of historical murals for their restaurants in Toms River, Manahawkin, Lakehurst, Burlington, Howell and Ocean Township. Engelsen’s work is in the collection of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

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