

THE SHANGRI LA



Reflections

THE SHANGRI LA SERIES

A SECRET GARDEN

The Shangri La series was born out of my passion for creating dream-like settings, similar to the ones my family and I visited during our eco-adventure trips in Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands, Hawaii, Belize, and others.

My Shangri La works have deep roots in the abstract landscape tradition of Monet. The materials employed to create Shangri La-styled works often vacillate between oil and acrylic, but all contain ample texture and primary colors denoting trees or leafy formations.

After an intense career on Wall Street and in the corporate media world, I yearned to find a peaceful place within myself, allowing me to gradually transition into my new life as an artist. Painting idyllic, imaginary places like Shangri La became an escape for me—a place to explore, get lost, and recenter myself. The iterative process of layering and finding a balanced blend of colors and textures has become a meditative exercise. I hope Shangri La brings viewers a sense of solace the way it has done so for me.

Art historian Annette Blaugrund explains, “The paintings in the *Shangri La* series by Jill Krutick are harmonious and calming. Because of the titles given by the artist they evoke a mystical, imaginary dreamland. The viewer is transported into an explosion of gentle colors reminiscent of fallen blossoms, a gathering of petals, and star-filled skies.”



Shangri La 4, 2017, Acrylic on canvas, 48 x 108 in.

Left; thumbnail on top of page; front cover

Shangri La, 2013, Oil on canvas, 30 x 40 in.

Back cover, top image.

Private collection.

Moonstone, 2017, Acrylic on canvas, 72 x 120 in. *Swirl Series.*

Back cover, bottom image, center



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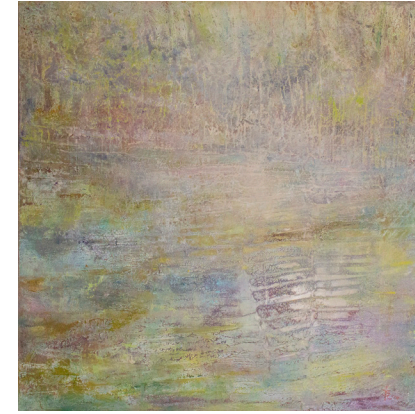
Silky Paths, 2012,
Oil on canvas, 40 x 40 in.



Shangri La Mosaic 5, 2017,
Acrylic on canvas, 12 x 12 in.



Shangri La 2, 2014, Oil on canvas, 30 x 40 in.
Private collection.



Spring Fantasy, 2016,
Oil on canvas, 40 x 40 in.



Winter Solstice, 2015,
Oil on canvas, 40 x 40 in.
Private collection.



Shangri La 6, 2017, Acrylic on canvas, 48 x 72 in.



Shangri La 8, 2018, Acrylic on canvas, 24 x 48 in.



Shangri La 3, 2017 Acrylic on canvas, 48 x 72 in.
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