

## Mary W. Shaw

Mary has lived and worked as an artist for 24 years in Benicia, CA. She has supported the arts community through her previous work as Programs and Exhibitions Manager at Arts Benicia, teaching art to children, teens, and adults in beginning and intermediate figure drawing classes. Mary has a degree in Drawing and Painting from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is primarily a figurative artist. Her work is narrative and she frequently casts her subjects in the context of literary, political, and historical references.

Mary believes that learning drawing fundamentals, regardless of the subject, understanding the benefits of studio practice, and developing an artistic discipline will allow an individual to boost their self-confidence and reach their creative goals.



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