



Jim Holland's Appreciation for Tranquility...

"I'll spend hours mixing paints on my palette and establishing an overall color and tonal scheme. Sometimes I feel I am more aptly called a colorist rather than a painter."

Born in Schenectady, NY, Jim Holland showed an early, yet passionate, curiosity in art. What began as an adolescent interest in drawing and photography soon developed into a degree in graphic

design from Dutchess Community College with growing experience in painting with acrylics and watercolors. Crediting much of his scenic observational skills to his familiarity with photography, Holland then made several trips to picturesque Cape Cod, where he found landscapes that would soon provide an infinite supply of inspiration. After receiving his degree he began refining his artistic style, which eventually became recognized as realistic and honest images accompanied by a serene sense of solitude.

Following a fifteen year career in graphic design and advertising, Holland expanded his passion for art work and began to appreciate the texture of paint and the blending options that were possible with a slower dry. While still using photographs as inspiration for his realism, Holland often refers to himself as a "colorist," claiming that he spends hours mixing paints on his palette to find the perfect representative blend. His interest in light and the natural world leads him to create breathtaking views of the Cape, generally through the use of oil and watercolor. Holland has travelled worldwide, but does not spend much of his time painting outside the peaceful landscapes of Cape Cod. He currently resides in Brewster, MA with filmmaker Allison Argo. His studio is located in Orleans, MA.



Jim Holland's scenic Cape Cod lunchbox

See Jim's work currently at Left Bank Gallery, Wellfleet, MA or visit his website at www.jimholland-art.com.