

Maureen Sweeny is an oil painter living in Bonny Doon. She is currently painting the gorgeous landscapes and seascapes of the Santa Cruz Coast.

She earned a BA in Fine Art from the University of South Florida (1998), where she focused on printmaking as well as painting.

While her work is often seen as photorealistic, she is inspired by the work of the California Impressionists of the early 20th Century. Her work often captures the raw and moody subtleties that are seen by locals on the coast on any given day. In contrast to the conventional sunny landscapes and intensely brilliant sunsets seen in much of contemporary art, she prefers the cool, foggy neutral tones of our evocative Northern coastal seascapes. The vastness of the sea, and the powerful, uncommon moments in nature that bring peace and healing to the human heart are felt through her precise yet emotional works.