

## **Lisa Bohnwagner**

### **Artist**

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Growing up in Essex, MA Lisa Bohnwagner's earliest inspiration was the television program "The Nature World of Captain Bob." In that program, Bob Cottle gave drawing instruction while making observations about "the wondrous world we live in." It sparked Lisa's passionate love for nature and deep empathy with animals. She indulged that love, spending her days examining the plants and animals in the woods, rivers, and marshes near her home. After receiving a BFA from Ringling School of Art & Design, her work in animal rescue added artistic insight into the best and worst of what people can do for animals and each other.

*"My work begins in nature connecting with animals and capturing those experiences with my camera and journal. Those moments are then translated into paintings filled with the love, joyful color, and unique texture of each experience.*

*My passion is simply to express the wonder of it all--to foster a greater appreciation and sense of stewardship for all of the creations that make up and share our world. [I don't want to humanize animals. I want my paintings of animals to humanize people.](#)*

Having recently moved to North Carolina, she looks forward to discovering the flora and fauna here with her husband Kevin, their cat Elf, and the hamster Colin Creevy.