

## PAUL J. NOEL

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It has been a life's dream to become a commercially accepted Fine Artist. I have been, for 40 years, a very successful Interior Designer in New England and as worked for clients as distant as Colorado, Montana, and St. John for several clients. For most of my adult life I have had a rewarding and fulfilling career. I have, however, always felt that my true artistic nature and talent had never been fully explored. Part of me has always yearned to be accepted in the "Artistic Community" and in the past several years I have been determined to make this wish a reality.

I began my artistic career at New England School of Art and further studied with several accomplished Boston artists. On a sojourn to Europe, in 2007, I spent 4 months studying in a very intimate Atelier setting at the "Academie de Port Royal" in the magnificent City of Paris. There I immersed in the techniques and concepts of oil painting in the finest of environments. The culmination of this journey ended with an end of semester exhibit and an awards ceremony granting to me and one other student a "first time" award in the Academy's history. A "Prix Special" for the fine body of work we had produced. I came away with a new found spirit and ability that I could never have discovered in small doses at home.