

Susan Spellman started her career as a staff illustrator at a filmstrip company after getting a BA in art from Marymount College in NY. She next worked as a freelance illustrator of children's books and magazines and continues in that capacity today, while also continuing to focus on her own paintings. In her own paintings, her primary interest is in capturing those fleeting moments when the combination of light color and story feel magical. She works primarily on site, painting "en plein air" in oil paint on either canvas or panels. The Inspiration for her work is from the richness of the natural world in and around the Newburyport area.

Susan has been a member of the Newburyport Art Association since 1996, and also is a member of the "Newburyport 10" Plein Air Painters and the Women in the Wild painters.