Virginia Unseld Biography

Virginia Unseld is a contemporary impressionist painter. She has been painting the western landscape for over 40 years in oils, pastels, watercolors, and acrylics. Virginia is primarily a plein air painter but often uses plein air paintings as studies for larger studio pieces. She paints ordinary scenes to call attention to the beauty of often overlooked places. Dramatic light and shadow are usually present in her paintings. Her work is about the act of joyous mark-making as much as about the subject she is painting. Her studio and home are at 9,200 feet in the Colorado Rockies.

Unseld holds a Master’s Degree in Art Education from Rhode Island School of Design and a B.S. in Art Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She taught art in public schools for 30 years and has taught plein air painting at Adams State University.

Unseld is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of Colorado and the Colorado Watercolor Society and a member of the Plein Air Painters of Colorado, Plein Air Painters of New Mexico, American Women Artists and the Pastel Society of America. She has exhibited extensively and won many awards for her work in numerous regional and national shows. You can read more about her work at www.virginiaunseldfineart.com