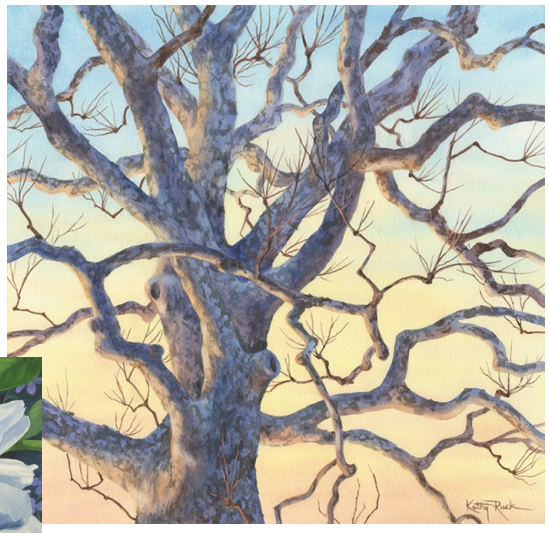
**Your Name** **Kathy Ruck**

**City & State** Landenberg, PA

Art Show
Malvern Retreat House

## What Inspires You to Create?

I am inspired by the beauty of nature that surrounds me here in Chester County. The rolling hills of farm lands, old gnarly trees, the rivers and creeks, flower gardens, local wild life and farm animals are all inspirational to me. If it is a subject that brings joy to me, I hope to capture that in my painting and bring that joy to the viewer.



**Principal Medium:** **Watercolor**

**Creating Art Since:** 1994

**Art Education:** I have a degree in advertising and graphic design and worked in that field for 10 years. I then decided to pursue a career as a fine art painter and took many workshops with local artists. The best education: 25 years of painting!

**Juried/Invitational Shows (Optional):** Hagley Soda House Art&Antiques Show, 2008 “Honored Artist”; Chester County Studio Tour; Chadds Ford Art Show & Sale, 2018 “Donating Artist” & 2019 “Featured Artist”; Daylesford Abbey; Delaware Art Museum Outlooks Gallery; Delaware’s Best Art Show for UCP; DFVA Spring Art Show at the Hagley Museum; The Perfect Gift Show; Hockessin Art Show benefiting the WWRR; Unionville Art Gala; Yellow Springs Art Show

**Awards (Optional):**
Three-time winner at the Kennett Square Mushroom Festival Art Show
Three-time winner at The DFVA Art Show at the Hagley Museum
Merit Award at the Philadelphia Watercolor Society
Second place at the Newark Arts Alliance

**Art Associations/ Club Membership (Optional):**
Delaware Foundation for the Visual Arts
Howard Pyle Studio Group
Philadelphia Watercolor Society

**Other Relevant Information (Optional):** My work is collected by both private individuals and corporations nationally and internationally. I have been commissioned to create paintings for corporations and institutions including A.I. DuPont, PNC Bank, Wilmington University, and the Wilmington Flower Market. Although watercolor is my primary medium, I also work in pastels and create watercolors on boards that are varnished.