# Gallery Artists

Annie Harris Massie

PAINTINGS



Les Yeux du Monde Art Gallery Charlottesville VA



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#### Our Mission

Les Yeux du Monde specializes is exhibiting and selling contemporary art by regional, national and international artists with an eye to the historical importance of each artist shown. We seek to inspire individuals to explore new artistic perspectives, deepen their understanding of and appreciation for art and to support art in the state and the Mid Atlantic region.

# The gallery

Les Yeux du Monde gallery is a leader in the region for contemporary art, sculpture and photography. Founded in 1995, Les Yeux du Monde represents over 40 contemporary artists including Dean Dass, John Borden Evans, Annie Harris Massie, Lincoln Perry, and Russ Warren, as well as some promising undiscovered talents.

Lyn Bolen Warren, the owner/director, received her Ph.D. in art history from the University of Virginia in 1994. She opened the original gallery from her home, and as it developed the gallery moved to its present location on the corner of Water and First Streets off the historic downtown mall. International in scope, Les Yeux du Monde has exhibited work by modern masters such as Jean-Michel Basquiat, Romare Bearden, Frank Stella and Andy Warhol. Les Yeux du Monde also collaborates with the University of Virginia Art Museum and Second Street Gallery on exhibits of caliber, such as the 2000 site specific exhibition *Hindsight/Fore-site*: Art for the New Millennium with the museum in 2000 and more recently, in 2006, the Anne Slaughter Retrospective at Second Street Gallery.

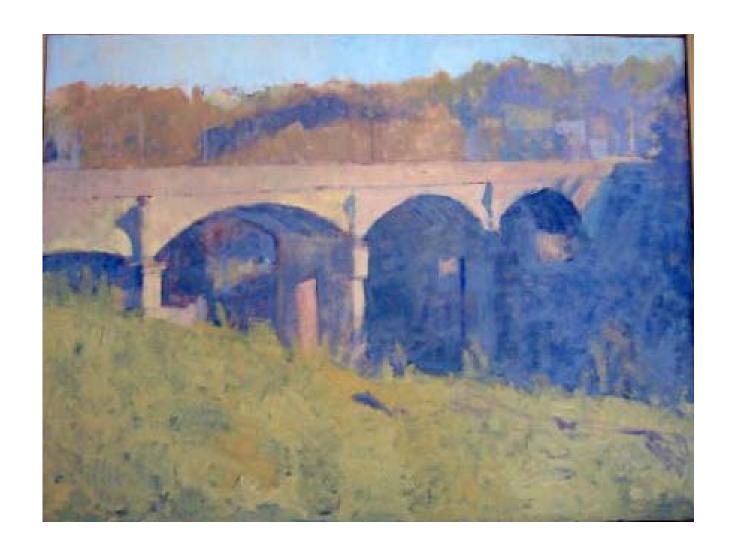
Les Yeux du Monde maintains an important inventory of work by regional and national artists. Over the past twelve years the gallery has helped many private and corporate clients assemble collections of high quality art suited to their particular needs and budgets. Les Yeux du Monde has a new exhibition each month which opens to the public, on each "First Friday" from 5:30–7:30.

# Annie Harris Massie

Annie Harris Massie paints landscapes in oil with an interest "in capturing the essential character of the place." In describing such character, she explains, "I am less interested in extraneous detail; rather, I am more interested in distilling a landscape down to the essence, stripping it down to the basics—to a particular, very specific quality of light and shape that holds the essential character of a place. I am attracted by the transformative nature of light, as the interplay of light and shadow reveals and obscures form." Observing a landscape beyond visual fact, she says, "allows me to explore the unique character of a particular place, a particular time of day, a particular season, and a particular quality of light."

Born in Charlottesville, VA, Annie Harris Massie resides in Lynchburg. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from Hollins College and a Masters in Art History from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her work is held in numerous private and public collections including the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond and the Bank of the James in Lynchburg.

In addition to painting, Massie founded McKinnon and Harris, Inc. with her brother, William McKinnon Massie, Jr., to manufacture their original designs of furniture for the landscape. Their garden furniture has won numerous design awards and been featured in House & Garden, House Beautiful, Southern Accents, Veranda, Elle Décor, Architechtural Digest, and Town & Country.



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