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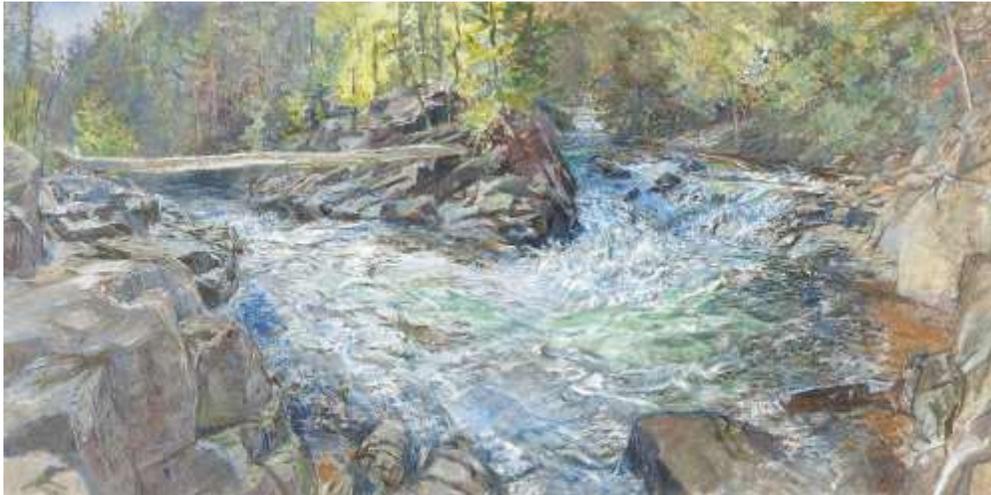
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Essential Art Spotlight

Anne Diggory- Distraction, Solace and Direction

My work during the pandemic has been affected by my experience of an altered sense of time in which everything seems to be in suspension. Except for an initial few sessions at my favorite stream, I have been painting mainly in my studio in Saratoga Springs or out the back of my house, fixated on the cloudscaapes.



*In Suspension: March-April 2020* Acrylic on canvas 24x48"

Something about the stranded trunk on Northwest Bay Brook resonated with my own sense of time suspended by COVID-19. There were reverberations of both sudden catastrophe and the regular flow of natural forces. If the water were to suddenly return to the tree's level, I would have been under water. The trip in mid-March to the waterfall had been designed to find distraction and solace after the cancellation of my March show at Blue Mountain Gallery due to COVID19. I was able to lose myself in my work that day and comfort came from witnessing the rhythmical patterns within the seemingly chaotic natural forces. But as I developed this painting, I recognized a need to build into it that delicate balance of the threat of things falling apart and pleasure of things pulling together as a whole. And I found a direction in pursuing more images with that delicate balance

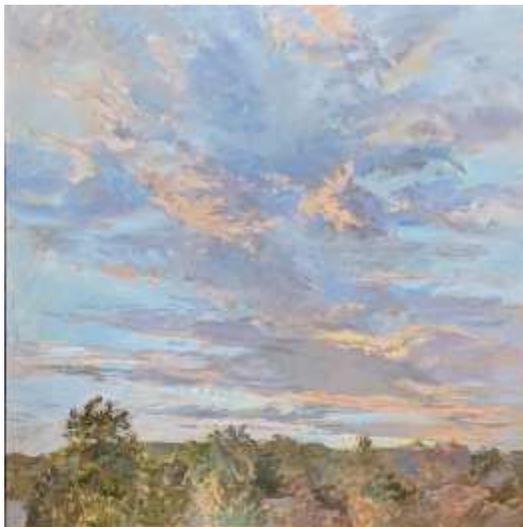
The full story of the painting was the basis for an online article in the [Adirondack Almanac](#)

I have used the quarantine time to learn to make videos about my art which can be found on my [Vimeo channel](#), including this one of the process of making the painting:



With travel limited I have returned to my fascination with the language and energy of orchestrated cloudscapes – always visible just outside my studio.

This one uses my new interest in the dispersal of form and light.



Cloud Dance 24x24" acrylic on canvas

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