

# Debbie Shirley

## *Artist Information*



Growing up in the Midwest and moving to New England after studying painting in college, Debbie Shirley spent years in the printing and advertising fields, developing an obsession with typography and mid century modern design. Returning to the paintbrush once her children started school, Debbie naturally gravitated to neon lettering and roadside signs, dusty antiques, and old bricks and rust.

Whether it is weathered signs, small town structures, old-fashioned toys or classic cars, Debbie depicts relics of the past combined with a contemporary sense of design, playing with the effects of light and composition, often employing unique perspectives while still allowing these objects to tell their stories. Since showing her paintings throughout the United States in the last few years, Debbie has enjoyed hearing anecdotes from hundreds of people who have found connections between her work and their own memories and experiences.

Debbie resides on the northshore of Massachusetts and is an active member in numerous local and national art associations including the National Association of Women Artists (NAWA), Rockport Art Association & Museum, Newburyport Art Association, New Hampshire Art Association, Haverhill Arts Association and the International Guild of Realism. She welcomes visits to her small studio in an old mill building in downtown Haverhill.

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