

## Steve Barton

Each of Barton's paintings capture more than just the viewer's gaze. They are times remembered and days to come; they stop time and soften your heart; they draw you in and say, "Come, sit, relax..." The sunny climate of Southern California where Barton now lives with his wife and son suits his taste and personality perfectly. The coastal setting surrounding his home reflects his bright and lively perspective and encourages his focus on color and beauty. Barton and his family love to spend time searching out new tropical settings and flowers with bright vivid colors. They scour the beachfront for villas, cabins, and archways that capture the heart and feel of life on the beach.

For Barton, painting is a way of life. He loves to spend spare moments combing areas for inspiration to use in future paintings. Though the subjects of his paintings vary, the casual elegance is consistent. Each painting Barton does reveals something about him; he has a casual, engaging personality and is extremely enthusiastic about being a painter.

Originally from New Hampshire, Barton's success as an artist began early. He was eight when his love for art began. His mother, an oil painter herself, inspired and encouraged him to paint. After studying at Rhode Island School of Design, Barton desired to broaden his search for subject matter. He traveled to the West Coast, where his paintings took on the dreamlike qualities that we experience today.

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