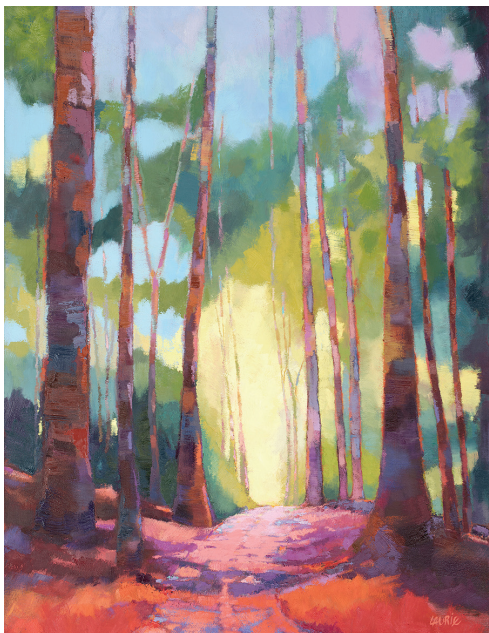


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## LAURIE RICHARDSON

**Title:** Favorite Hike

**Description:** oil

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### Artist statement:

*As an artist, I am always on the lookout for beautiful colors and interesting compositions in my everyday life. I am inspired by patterns and colors, especially in nature and when I travel and explore new places. I hope my art evokes an emotional response and brings people joy.*

### 3 QUESTIONS

#### What is your opinion of the Charlotte art scene?

Charlotte's art scene has definitely improved over the years. There are some wonderful galleries and the First Friday Crawls as well as art pop ups are a great way to experience the diversity of artists in Charlotte. Our Arts & Science Council and The McColl Center are very supportive of artists in a variety of mediums and bring outside artists to the Charlotte region.

#### What inspires you? What inspired this piece/idea?

I love the outdoors and traveling to new places to explore. I enjoy taking photographs and am always on the lookout for beautiful color combinations and interesting compositions in my everyday life. It might be a cool shadow from a doorknob, plain white rocking chairs on the porch, old skiffs at the dock or the familiar maple tree on my street. I am inspired by patterns in nature, the changing seasons and most of all color. This piece Favorite Hike was inspired by the trail where I walk my dog. There is this great big hill that we run up, and it looks different in every season. I love how the trees lean in and embrace the light at the top of the hill.

**Favorite quote:** "Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and look up at the stars." - Henry Van Dyke



MELISSA KEY