



PAULA HARE

Representational Painter

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Artist statement

I am a lifelong artist whose practice is rooted in fine art and shaped by decades of work as a graphic designer, illustrator, and creative director at my own 12-person firm in Milwaukee. Trained at the University of Wisconsin, my foundation in drawing, painting, composition, design, and visual storytelling continues to guide how I see and make paintings. As a creative director, drawing was part of my daily practice. I translated ideas into visuals so clients, board members, and marketing teams could clearly understand complex concepts. Working both en plein air and in the studio, I am drawn to unusual juxtapositions, overlooked details and moments that reveal subtle narratives. I'm interested in objects, places and scenes that are often passed by, yet carry meaning, history and stories. Through careful observation and composition, I give these objects and moments clarity and presence.

Education

University of Wisconsin

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree -
Teacher Certification and Emphasis
in Drawing and Painting
Graduation: 1981

Exhibitions

Paula Hare has been selected to exhibit her work in juried international, national and regional calls for artists. A few of the locations that have selected and exhibited her work include galleries and museums in Michigan; North Carolina; Wisconsin; Illinois; Indiana; Pennsylvania; Missouri; Florida, and New Jersey.

Professional Memberships

- Wisconsin Visual Artists
- Oil Painters of America
- American Women Artists
- Cedarburg Artists Guild
- Heartland Art Club
- Whitewater Arts Alliance
- Pen Arts Center
- League of Milwaukee Artists
- Chrome Divas
(Women's Motorcycle Organization)

Awards

- **Artist in Residence** 2026 - Cedarburg Artists Guild, Cedarburg, WI
- **Honorable Mention** 2025 "Essence of Wisconsin" Whitewater Arts Alliance, Whitewater, WI.
- **Best of Historic Buildings** 2024 "Paint the towns in fall color," Plein Air Competition, Plymouth, WI.
- **Spirit Award** 2024 Plein Air Painting Competition, Menomonee Falls, WI.
- **Honorable Mention** 2023 "Paint the towns in fall color," Plein Air Competition, Plymouth, WI.
- **Best Nocturne** 2023 Plein Air Painting Festival, Waukesha, WI.
- **Two-time Blue Ribbon Award Winner** 2023 and 2024 Ozaukee County Art Show, Cedarburg, WI.
- **People's Choice** 2023 "Big Show," Grafton, WI.
- **Third place** 2017 Milwaukee Historic Third Ward Plein Air Painting Competition, Milwaukee, WI.