

**Gary Younker was born in 1951 in Waltham, Massachusetts. His art education started in the Newton School system, but he has over the years attended local and regional art classes. He attended IN Pelini- Air groups and worked with many local artists such as, Robert Douglas Hunter and David P. Curtis. Up to his passing in 2021. Gary received art classes from Mr. Hunter from 1997 to 2011. Bob Hunter, of the Boston School, believed painting is to pursue and honest observation of nature. To see all of nature at a glance and to see all of the parts related to the whole visual experience. Gary paints still life's and landscapes based on this observation of nature. Gary was a member of the Waltham Arts Council for more than ten years and served as a board member from 1997-2000. He is a member of the Newton Art Association (NAA) and in 2008, 2022 won Honorable mention, 2017 & 2021 Won the Molly L. & Henry Schoerberg award at the NAA Endowment Award Show. THE NORTH SHORE ARTS ASSOCIATION awarding the 2021 and 2022 1<sup>st</sup> place Gamblin Artists Colors Award, and 2021 Show Popular Award. Mr. Younker's first one man show was in the halls at Newton High School in 1968.**