

February 2017 exhibit judge: Leslie Belloso

Leslie Belloso is a painter and an internal medicine physician who passionately believes that art is essential to health on personal and societal levels. She attended University of Maryland Medical School and completed Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Maryland in 2003. After practicing primary care at the Veterans Administration Hospital for several years, she chose to change gears and pursue her passion in art. Since 2009 she has been painting full time. Her exhibits include two solo shows in Bishop's Stock in Snow Hill, and the *Best and Brightest* shows in Scottsdale Artists School in Arizona. She was a Finalist in the National Raymar competition in 2014, and an Honorable Mention in the American Impressionist Society 2015 Juried National Show. She received awards in *Paint Annapolis*, competed in *Plein Air Easton* in 2014 and the *Olmsted Plein Air Invitational* in 2015. Currently she is in the Master of Fine Arts Program at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, PA. As an MFA candidate with an MD she looks for experiences that foster cross-pollination between these disciplines.