

**April Davis** 2015 Garlic Fest Poster Artist

Born and raised in New York City, April Davis currently resides and works in her Gallery/Studio located in Jupiter Florida, finding artistic inspiration in the surrounding natural environment. Throughout her 40 year career, she continues to establish a unique perspective via panoramic landscapes and cityscapes.

April holds a BA from Queens College and MFA from Indiana University in Bloomington. Her work has been exhibited in galleries, museums and private collections throughout the country.

Having become known for the impressive scale of her work as well as her power to bring out the beauty and tranquility of a specific scene, numerous cities including South Miami, Jupiter, West Palm Beach and St. Petersburg, FL, have commissioned April to create original poster images representing their area.

Teaching credits include positions at the University of Pittsburgh, where she received a teaching excellence award, Indiana University and Montgomery Community College in Rockville, MD. She has taught classes in oil painting, watercolor, drawing and design.

"I have recently become aware of trying to create a window into nature, bringing the outside in. The inspiration for my original acrylic painting featured at this year's Delray Beach Garlic Fest came from a vibrant Florida sunset over the Loxahatchee River. Using that as a backdrop I then incorporated colorful flowering garlic plants to the foreground. The painting on canvas measures 4 feet by 5 feet. By working on a large scale, I believe it becomes easier for the viewer to visually move inside my paintings, being transported to that space, perceiving the image not through thought but through feeling. I hope you enjoy this work of art as much as I enjoyed painting it!"

April exhibits her work at her Studio/Gallery in Jupiter, Florida as well as through engagements at many top-ranked art festivals.

Please visit April's web site at <u>www.aprilwdavis.com</u> for more information.