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About the Artist: Gene Costanza

Gene Costanza is a contemporary realist painter who prefers the "painterly" application of oils. Equally at home painting "en plein air" as well as in the studio, Costanza focuses his efforts primarily on landscape and man's interaction with nature.

Costanza all but abandoned art in his early 20's and then spent over 25 years in law enforcement. He began dabbling again mid-career. Police-work, he believes, provided him with the discipline to overcome his personal tendencies and find the direction that is required to create a good painting; painting that endures over time.

The work of Gene Costanza is in collections from coast to coast, and South Africa. Costanza is included in the permanent collection of the Academy Museum in Easton, Maryland. Two Artist Choice awards, one from American Impressionist Society 2011 National Show and the other Forgotten Coast first annual Founders Award in 2007 are his most favorable accolades. "Our peers know exactly how hard one has to work to make a good painting."

He has been accepted into the OPA regional shows, the Greenhouse Gallery Salon, among others, and most recently the 2nd Scottsdale Salon at Legacy Gallery, the California Art Club 2013 Gold Medal Exhibition and the Oil Painters of American Salon Show in 2013.