



From the President California Watercolor Association

“The great artist is the simplifier”

Vincent van Gogh



Vincent had it right, but I have not reached simplicity yet!

I try, but not hard enough to show in my work. I think the “act” of painting, the movement of the paint, the brush, the color and the “simple” act of creating carry me away. It’s hypnotic and healing which is something we all need.

Maybe we should also simplify our lives like we try to simplify our paintings.

I’ve read so much lately in newspapers and social media of people cleaning out their closets and garages, baking bread, making jam, canning...all manner of activities that people hardly do any more because they’re TOO busy...they have TOO much to do... they don’t have time. People are sitting down with their families having meals together. They are ZOOMing everything. One of our members told me about his family playing bingo on ZOOM together! Wow! Maybe, just maybe, we will retain some of these “old school” activities and keep our lives simpler when we can all be together, unrestricted, in the future.

Simplify:
To reduce to basic essentials
To diminish in scope or complexity
To make more intelligible

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