

## **Art by Margaret Bertrand is created using the ENCAUSTIC process**

(in rare cases Margaret uses Mixed Media that does not include encaustic; it will be noted in the caption.)

### **What is ENCAUSTIC?**

Encaustic – literally meaning to burn - is often used to describe both the paint and the method for using it. The paint is a combination of beeswax, damar resin, and pigment. In the process, encaustic paint is melted and applied to a firm, absorbent surface (often wood) and then fused (or re-melted) to create a variety of effects. Encaustic melts and cools almost instantly, allowing an artist to add additional layers immediately while requiring the artist to be vigilant and work quickly. Fusing binds each layer to the previous one with the accumulating wax creating a luminous surface. Once an encaustic work has completely cooled, the paint has reached a permanent finish, though the painting can be revised and reworked with heat at any time – minutes or years later. Encaustic was used by Greeks as early as 800 B.C. to seal and decorate ships and in Greco Roman Egypt, from 100 B.C. to A.D. 200, to paint life size portraits for mummy casings. Ancient painters heated wax with clumsy charcoal braziers, far less convenient than today's electric tools.

### **CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARGARET BERTRAND**

**July 1 - August 31, 2019**

**Dynamic Duo**

**Dune, 2 person show**

641 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA (Nipomo St entrance)

Daily, except Mondays

**June 1 to July 31st, 2019**

**TPG - A Closer Look**

**Art Central Gallery**

1329 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA

M-Sat 10am- 6pm, Sun. 11am to 4pm

**April 6 to April 28, 2019**

**Big Little Art Show, Studios on the Park**

1130 Pine Street, Paso Robles, CA

Fridays to Mondays, noon to five pm

**April 4 to May 13, 2019**  
**From Natural to Abstraction, Art Center - Morro Bay**  
835 Main Street, Morro Bay  
Daily, noon to 4pm

**April 4 to May 31, 2019**  
**Urban Art, Art Central Gallery**  
Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA  
M-Sat 10am- 6pm, Sun. 11am to 4pm

**March 1 to April 30, 2019**  
**Dune, One Woman show**  
641 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA (Nipomo St entrance)  
Daily, except Mondays

**March 1 to March 31, 2019**  
**Beacon Art Show**  
SLO United Methodist Church, 1515 Fredericks Street, San Luis Obispo, CA  
Thursdays – Sundays, 11am to 4pm

**Encaustic Painting Classes**  
Los Osos, CA Studio  
Saturday, September 21; Monday, September 23; Saturday, October 19  
Choose one of the above dates  
1pm to 5pm  
Call for schedule or to Reserve 805-528-0704 or 805-305-9889