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Award-winning artist and teacher, Grace began painting in 1980 as a hobby which quickly became a full time career. Her commitment to art is evident in her compelling watercolors oils, pastels and mixed media.

Rankins paintings have hung in the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco the Triton Museum in Santa Clara CA and in the Fresno Metropolitan Art Museum, Fresno CA

A signature member of SWA since 1987 and a signature member of the Alliance of California Artists since its inception, her paintings possess a vital energy and presence that reflect the sensitivity and color sense of this natural artist. There is nothing contrived or superfluous in her work. When asked how she expresses herself in her paintings, Grace says that she thinks of her paintings as vehicles for feelings and moods as well as ideas. "I want my paintings to reach out to the viewer so that he/she will relate to how I feel about the subject."

Rankins paintings are in the collections of the Hayward Area Recreation Dept., Cities of Fremont, Livermore, Emeryville and Elk Grove and Chowchilla as well as many private collectors worldwide including Mr and Mrs Clint Eastwood.

Two of her paintings were presented to Fremont's Sister City of Fukaya, Japan as well as one to Lipa City in the Philippines.

Since her husband's retirement Grace and Jack have taken to "the road" in a 36' motorhome. As well as travelling around the US, Canada and Mexico, Grace has spent time painting in Scotland and Italy. They have recently returned to Fremont to be near family and friends.

In 2001 Grace conducted a sketchbook/watercolor tour of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. In September 2002 she taught at La Romita School of Art in Umbria, Italy. Rankin took a group to SW France in July of 2008 under the auspices of San Francisco Art Seminars. Grace's painting "Ribbons of Hope", representing her fight against breast cancer is currently on tour in the Ely Lilly Biennial Oncology show.

Grace's art may be viewed at

Fremont Art Assn Gallery, Fremont CA
Crescent Harbor Gallery, Crescent City CA

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