## LINDA NUNES ARTIST STATEMENT

Viewing my work placed along a gallery wall is a tour through shapes, marks, lines and color that carry symbolic and private meanings. I expect the viewer will translate these into something personal as well. Digging and scratching into a surface or adding layers of paint are my own method of either healing, understanding my world or dealing with current issues.

Navigation and transformation are themes often explored. Some recent works represent meditations or my own process of thoughts regarding a series of losses experienced a few years ago . . . dear friends and family members . . . all within months, too much to process any other way.

In other pieces, the viewer will note themes of joy, celebration and hope and a variety of color and movement. My desire is that these paintings offer an invitation for the observer to linger, to consider what is beneath, covered or peeking through these layers of tactile and complex surfaces of hot or cold beeswax media.

**Linda Nunes** is an award-winning, mixed media artist from California's Bay Area. She's also a workshop/demo leader, curator and sometimes juror who now lives in the Sacramento area. She has exhibited paintings, sculpture, large permanent and temporary installations locally and in the Bay Area along with several large commissioned pieces for restaurants and other commercial spaces. Her work is part of numerous private collections throughout the country. She currently serves on the board and curates for the Sierra Wax Artists organization. Linda is a founder of Rancho Cordova Arts along with RC Chamber director, Shelly Blanchard.

Her work is mostly non-narrative, characterized by gestural marks, texture and color and is primarily two-dimensional. She most often creates in the unique and ancient media of encaustic (beeswax and resin) or cold wax and oil and a finished piece may include a dozen or more other media.

She is dedicated member of the Sacramento art community with a Studio Art degree from California State University, Sacramento. More of her art, workshop information and upcoming events can be viewed at LNunesArt.com