

# BEST FINE ARTIST

## Mary Iselin



Mary Iselin was chosen as Best Fine Artist in the 2018 *Best of Monadnock Readers' Choice Awards*. A member of Monadnock Art Friends of the Dublin Art Colony, Iselin's oil paintings can be found throughout Vermont and New Hampshire, in local stores, art galleries, and artist walks and shows.

"This really means more to me than some national ac-

ademy award," Iselin says, about receiving Best Fine Artist. "I am so honored when people say they like my work."

demically, Iselin and her husband, George, own Earth Haven Farm in Marlborough, where much of this artist's inspiration comes from. Her muses are mostly four-legged: newborn lambs, sheep grazing in a field, horses plowing the land.

This seasoned artist has been creating art since she was a toddler when her parents found her continuously drawing horses with crayons and pencils. Iselin's parents encouraged her abilities, and at the young age of six she received her first oil paints. And that is all it took.

"I paint horses the way some artists would paint a bowl of fruit: as a vehicle to explore light, color, atmosphere, and, most of all, spirit," she says. Iselin's art is vibrant and full of light and life; it's almost as if you can reach out and touch the plush wool on the sheep or rub the muscles in the horse's shoulders. Her landscape paintings – inspired by the Monadnock

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