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Artist's Statement

I think that being an artist is being possessed by ideas ... ideas that lurk in the crevices of mind and soul to haunt one until release. Thomas Mann said, "If you are possessed by an idea, you find it everywhere, you even smell it."

I am consumed with the idea of line in my work ... a passion if you will ... for the line and its relationship to other lines as graphic representations that become tangible visual images. It is in this process ... this journey from mind to canvas ... where images join together to complete a thought. This "passion of process" allows my need for expression to become reality in painting ... perhaps it is this "passion of process" that links us all.

Patti Carr Black in her Introduction to *Approaching the Magic Hour, Memories of Walter Anderson* by Agnes Grinstead Anderson, said "For Anderson, art was not a product but a process, a means of experiencing the world." We relate to line and its use by artists throughout the centuries as a way to understand and experience their world and the world around us. It also becomes a practical way for me to release my ideas on canvas or board.