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***At what point did you decide you wanted to teach?***

I've been involved in education in one form or another my whole adult life. I started out as a teaching assistant at a nursery school and eventually got into public programming at natural history museums and nature centers. I always wanted to teach art, but it took a while for me to feel confident enough in my own skills to dare try it. In 2007, I taught my first pen & ink class. I'm happy to say my students and I all survived the experience and I've been an art instructor ever since.

***What's your favorite subject to paint or draw?***

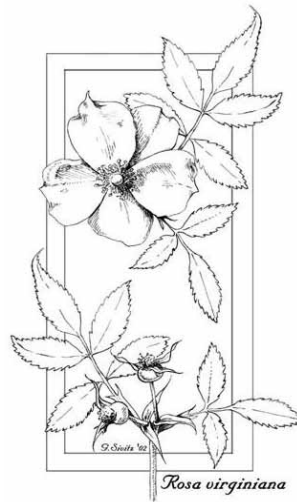
I have developed a great appreciation for pears. It's one of those subjects I go back to over and over. Each pear has such personality to me, I can pair them (ouch) with a variety of things, and they look so lovely in different lighting.

***What's your favorite flavor of ice-cream?***

It's impossible to choose just one, but there's definitely a chocolate theme in my top picks: Chocolate Cookies & Cream and Milky Way (Bredenbeck's, Chestnut Hill, PA), Dark Chocolate & Orange (Penny's Ice Cream, Lancaster, PA), and Mexican Chocolate (Big Dipper, Missoula, MT)



*Pears With A View - watercolor using a poured technique 11" x 14"*



*Virginia Rose - pen & ink 7" x 5"*



*Following Orders - acrylic on paper 13.5" x 10.5"*



*My studio*