

Mary Sayre's
Love on the Rocks



Mary paints her love for the ocean on rocks. Literally. To be precise, elegant and fashionable igneous rocks. Granite is her canvas of choice, known for its distinct, unique character. Mary paints the splendour of the ocean following the lines of the crystalline quartz, feldspar and amphiboles of her selected canvas. And because granite is already a form of nature's finest creation, Mary's creations give a whole new depth to everlasting art.



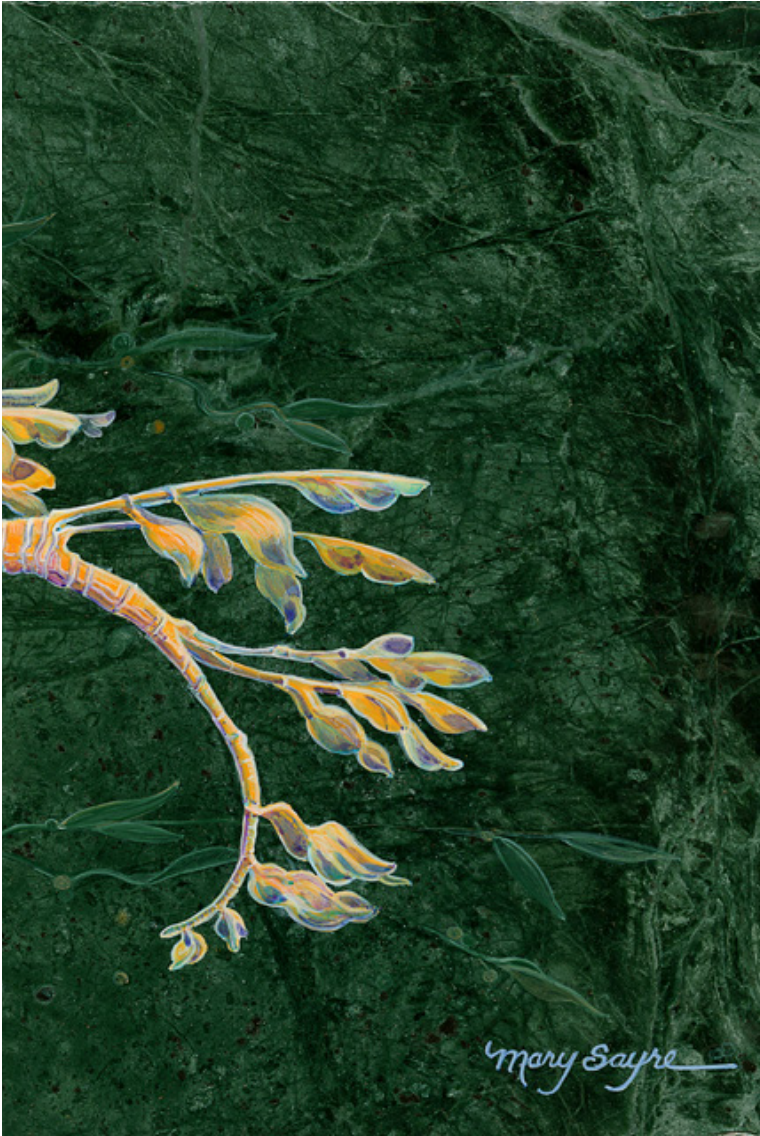
WAITING MY TURN (COVER IMAGE)
14" x 22" Acrylic on Antique Verde Marble

A green turtle waits his turn at the cleaning station while Eagle Rays soar overhead above the coral reef walls.



LEAFY SEADRAGON
14" x 22" Acrylic on Antique Verde Marble

Masters of camouflage the leafy sea dragon sways with the current amongst the Sargassum seaweed.



MARY SAYRE never missed an episode of Jacques Cousteau as a child. Her love of painting the ocean creatures seen on his show began when she was 10 years old, soon after her family visited the Gulf of Mexico, where every bit of it thrilled her (the wind in her face, the taste of salt in the water), she was hooked on it all. Pursuing her artistic passion, she studied illustration at Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, MI. Eventually, her love for the ocean swept her away to live on the island of Port Aransas, TX. in the Gulf of Mexico. She studied reefs and fishes and would RSVP “Yes” to any invitation for dive exploration, travel to exotic locations and new adventures.

Combining her creative abilities and enthusiasm for the ocean, Mary painted her travels and diving experiences, documenting her combined fascinations with art, scuba diving and marine ecosystems. Mary paints the beautiful world both above and below the waves. Her current media of choice include oils on canvas and acrylics on natural marble. This innovative, original art form utilizes the natural veining and colour of the marble to create depth and the images. Mary also enjoys her search for that piece of marble suitable for her paintings, helping to bring her visions to life. Her works are collected both locally and internationally.

A diver and sailor, Mary has visited a list of amazing places and some of her favourites include Bonaire, Mexico, Belize, Florida and the Bahamas. Having witnessed the changes in our reefs and waters first hand, conserving and protecting our fragile marine environment are vital to Mary. As a proud member of the Ocean Artist Society and artist for the Ocean Geographic Society, Elysium Heart of the Coral Triangle expedition, Mary hopes to foster awareness for our connection to the sea by sharing the beautiful marine images in her paintings.

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i **BUTTERFLIES**
14" x 22" Acrylic on Antique Verde Marble

Spotfin Butterfly fish make their home near a purple seafan on the coral reef.



i **DANCING ANGELS**
13" x 22" Acrylic on Antique Verde Marble

Queen Angelfish with their electric blue and yellow colors and defining round "crowns" swim in pairs and many mate for life. Shy and graceful displaying a beautiful dance they are art in motion.



TURTLE WITH JELLIES

18" x 22" Acrylic on Antique Verde Marble

A green turtle swims among the drifting jellyfish. Natural striations in this unique piece of Antique Verde marble depict the jellyfish bodies and trailing tentacles.



WHAT FLIES BENEATH

13" x 22" Acrylic on Antique Verde Marble

Eagle Rays soar in formation on a coral reef wall.



OCTAVIA

8" x 36" Acrylic on Antique Verde

Treasure hunting for a unique piece of marble I found OCTAVIA, a master of disguise. He was nestled in the veins of the marble waiting to be painted.



LIONFISH

14" x 22" Acrylic on Antique Verde Marble

The beautiful but toxic Lionfish is an invasive species and an unwelcome traveler to our Caribbean reefs.





GREY ANGELS

14" x 22" Acrylic on Antique Marble

A trio of grey angelfish swim in synchronicity.



WONDERS OF THE SEA

34" x 44" Acrylic on Sculpted Antique Verde Marble

A green turtle soars above a beautiful coral reef while light filters down from above in the clear water. Hard and soft corals are home to many small tropical fish dancing on the currents. This painting like a scuba dive reveals life as you explore the reef.

The Antique Verde marble is sculpted to represent waves breaking the surface.