

# WHAT GREAT PAINTINGS SAY

Part art history, part detective work, this interactive talk series explores subtle elements of a famous work, revealing details about the time, place and culture of the style, subject and artist.

Cindy Parker is co-owner of Bohemia and Purple Art, where she and her partner offer community art experiences, worldwide art retreats, and a senior art program. Before that, she was a life enrichment/activities director at retirement communities in Vermont and Colorado for about 15 years. She believes that continuing to create and look at art as one gracefully grows older enhances cognitive and physical health. As an artist, she creates mobiles, installations and art books using her own alphabets and personal symbols. *What Great Paintings Say* topics are based on her travels, voracious museum going, and study of the history and theory of art.

Corresponding hands-on art classes are available for select talks!

## AVAILABLE TALKS

*The Arnolfini Wedding* - Jan van Eyck

The Chagall Ceiling at the Paris Opera Garnier

The Mystery and the Meaning of the Labyrinth

Louise Bourgeois: Spiders and Spirals

Mysteries in Diego Velazquez' *Las Meninas*

Edvard Munch: Beyond *The Scream*

*Mona Lisa* Mysteries

Vermeer at the Rijksmuseum, 2023

Strange and Wonderful Art Stories

*The Birth of Venus* by Botticelli

Gustav Klimt - *Woman in Gold*

The Tulip in History and Art

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Street Art: It's Not Graffiti Anymore

What is Modernism?

Artemisia Gentileschi: *Judith Beheading Holofernes*

Paul Klee: "Take a Line for a Walk"

Georgia O'Keeffe: Architecture and the Landscape

Spiral Jetty: Land Art, Environmental Change and Perspective

The Rosary Chapel: Inside a Matisse Masterpiece

Michaelangelo's *Creation of Adam*, Sistine Chapel Ceiling

*Guernica*: Picasso's Powerful Anti-war Painting

The Art of Maurice Sendak

Flowers: Beauty and Symbolism from Ancient to Contemporary Art

The Female Gaze: a Look at 600 years of Women's Self Portraits

Seurat's Dots: *Sunday on la Grande Jatte*

Hilma Af Klint: Painting the Invisible

*The Red Studio* by Henri Matisse

The Lady and the Unicorn Tapestries: an Allegorical Story of the Senses

Magic, Mystery, Myth: Living Art of the Côte D'Azur

Pissaro and Friends

Upcoming:

Women and Surrealism

Anselm Kiefer

The History and Restoration of Notre Dame de Paris

*Le Déjeuner sur L'Herbe*, Manet

*The Nightwatch*, Rembrandt

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