

# Corliss Blakely: Painter by day, iPad artist by night

Artist Corliss Blakely with her new oil painting series "Forgotten Seeds" at her studio in St. Albans on Oct. 23. LYNN MONTY/FREE PRESS



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Artist Corliss Blakely is working on her new series "Forgotten Seeds" in oil at her studio in St. Albans, but her iPad is never far.

She's created a 45-page manual to go along with the free ArtStudio app, her favorite painting app.

Blakely created the manual on her iPad in three weeks. "I'm a painter by day and computer tech by night," she said.

Oil paintings take days because she works on them in thin layers. Creations on her iPad take only hours.

She attended Vesper George Art School and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, and is an internationally-recognized artist for her work in several media, including watercolor, oil and egg tempera. Her paintings hang in collections worldwide.

This Fairfax native, and seventh-generation Vermonter, has been an artist all of her life, she said. Watercolors took up her time for 25 years, as did traditional landscapes.

"I have done my last traditional painting," she said. "I have a new series that I had set aside in 1974. This series is called 'Forgotten Seeds' and I'm looking for a gallery in Miami because that is where this type of art is selling."

A faded watercolor painting, not unlike either a bell pepper or Granny Smith apple, is pinned to the wall of her studio. It's the 1974 inspiration for the fresh papayas, apples and grapes painted in oil that sit on the floor, leaning against the wall, just below.

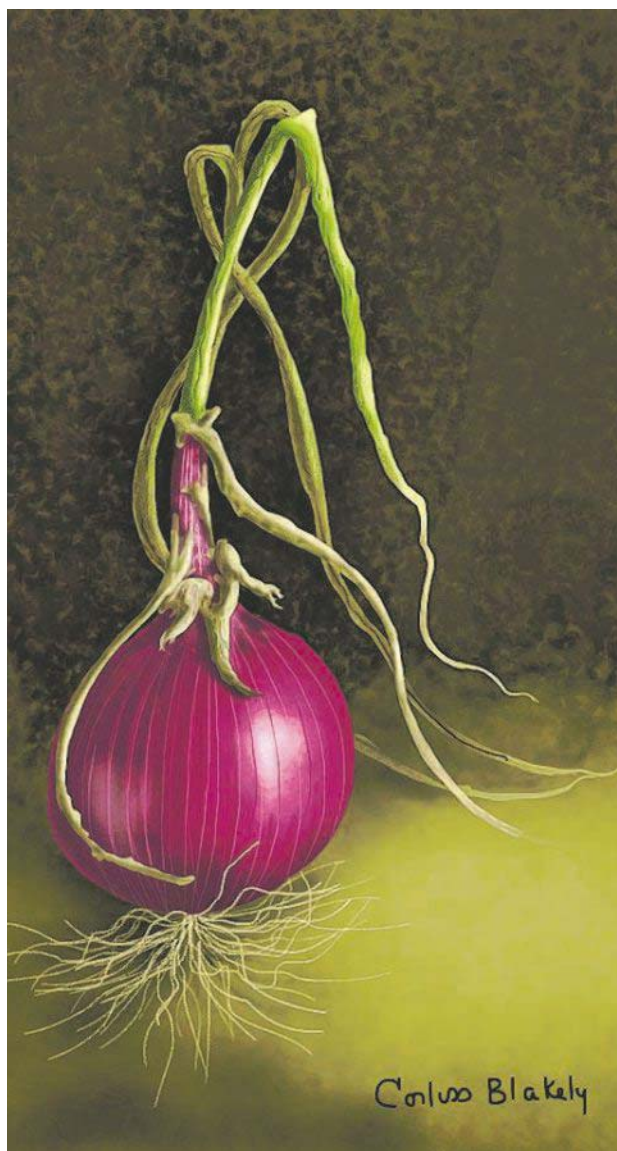
Blakely said she has always made a living with her art. "Even in this recession I continue to do well," she said. "Most of my clients are from New York and Connecticut."

She sells her art via the Web, and she teaches iPad painting locally, and most recently at a MacWorld seminar.

She and her husband Barry Hickok winter in Nicaragua, where she teaches traditional art to about 450 students.

For more information, visit [www.artistinvermont.com](http://www.artistinvermont.com) or [www.ipadpaintings.com](http://www.ipadpaintings.com).

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Artist Corliss Blakely of St. Albans created this piece of art on her iPad. She said iPad art takes only a few hours to complete, as opposed to oil paintings, which can take several days. COURTESY PHOTO



Artist Corliss Blakely of St. Albans teaches locally and gives seminars nationwide on creating art on iPhones and iPads. LYNN MONTY/FREE PRESS



Artist Corliss Blakely is looking to sell her new oil painting series, "Forgotten Seeds," at a gallery in Miami. She also sells her artwork online. LYNN MONTY/FREE PRESS