



**THRESHOLD OF SUMMER, OIL, 18 X 20.**

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California



**BORN:** Gilroy, CA.

**ART EDUCATION:** Bachelor of fine arts from the Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA.

**STYLE:** Impressionism.

**FIRST ART SALE:** "Two small watercolor still lifes. A family friend bought them when I was in junior high."

**SECOND-CHOICE CAREER:** Botanist or something with language.

**OTHER PASSIONS:** "I like to camp and hike with my fiancée."

**MANTRA OR MOTTO:** "What do I want to say? What is the light doing?"

**QUIRKIEST TRAIT:** "I'm forgetful when it comes to weather conditions. Like being stuck in the desert in extreme heat, over 100 degrees, and not being prepared for it."

**BIGGEST FEAR:** Being physically unable to paint.

**FAVORITE STUDIO MUSIC:** Edith Piaf, Samuel Barber, Yann Tiersen, and Buckethead.

**BEST ADVICE RECEIVED:** "Be guided by your principles, and don't work scared."

**PET PEEVE:** "I can't walk down a trail or through a park without picking up a bag's worth of garbage that other people left behind."

**FAVORITE ARTWORK BY ANOTHER ARTIST:** Monet's Haystack series.

**PRICE RANGE:** \$1,000 to \$8,000.

**NEXT BIG GOAL:** "I'm working on two commissions and trying to bring to fruition a series on historic adobes. And I'm painting some of the last open spaces near my house in San Gabriel."

**CREATIVE SPARK:** Reading, music, and being outdoors.

**GALLERIES:** Morris & Whiteside Galleries, Hilton Head, SC; [www.ericmerrell.com](http://www.ericmerrell.com).