## **Artist Statement**

## Glenn S. Kratzer, M.D. retired

After graduating from Nazareth High School in 1966, I entered the pre-med program at Muhlenberg College. While at Muhlenberg, to fulfill a fine arts requirement, I took an art appreciation course called Modern Art in the Making. That course introduced me to the world of art. Following graduation I attended Temple Medical School and then completed my internal medicine residency at Lehigh Valley Hospital. I was a founding member of both Lehigh Valley Internists and Medical Associates of the Lehigh Valley. My wife, Kristea, and I reside in Lower Macungie Township.

In 2008 I began art lessons at Penn State Center Valley under the direction of local artist, Professor Ronald DeLong. I have been painting ever since. My paintings are primarily landscapes inspired by places we have visited interspersed with some still life paintings and occasional portraits.

Physicians vicariously share the heartache and suffering of our patients and their families as well as the relief and happiness with their recovery. In my second career, that of artist, my goal is to paint pictures which might provide viewers with momentary relief from the cares of life. Pictures which, I hope, provoke a smile, a pleasant memory, or provide temporary distraction from whatever challenges they may be facing.

