

# Rita M. Gardner

## ARTIST



Self-portrait, 1985



2017 photo

### ***Portraits of the Past***

*We all have many chapters in our lives. My most recent ones have included photography and writing, but behind all that is an undying love of **painting and portraiture**, and for more than three decades, it was what I loved to do. In my works, I attempted to capture likeness but also something of the person's inner self – at least how I experienced it. These are a sampling of paintings covering about a 20-year period, most done after I moved to Point Richmond in 1980.*

### **Bio and Artist's Statement**

Rita Gardner is a painter, photographer, and writer. She began painting as a child, and it has been part of her life ever since. However, she learned it's not easy to do too many different things at the same time, so lately painting has taken a back seat to her other creative passions – photography and writing. Most recently, she authored an award-winning memoir, *The Coconut Latitudes*, and contributed essays to two anthologies, *The Magic of Memoir*, and *Wandering in Andalusia*.

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