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My love for all things artistic dates back to my earliest childhood memories. I am a fourth generation artist who has also had a career in the sciences. I took some inspiration from my son, who also has a colourful piece in this exhibit, and who showed me the power and simplicity of painting in bright colour. Typically painting with watercolour or acrylic, I tried oils for the first time in this piece, and loved the luscious, buttery smooth way the paint covers the canvas. It will definitely not be my last oil painting, for as Van Gogh said, "I've just kept on ceaselessly painting in order to learn painting."