

Robert Bateman

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If you find yourself worrying, go outside, take three breaths, address a tree and quietly say, 'Thank you.' If you can't find a tree, a dandelion will do... Nature is magic.

~Robert Bateman

I never thought that I would support myself with art - everyone in the Group of Seven had day jobs. I became a geography teacher so that I could get free field trips into the wilderness to paint.

~Robert Bateman

To me the most important thing in a piece of art is the thought. Technique is totally secondary.

~Robert Bateman

I've never thought sitting around worrying helps anything, except to help shorten your life.

~Robert Bateman

I got serious about painting at 12, when most people give up.

~Robert Bateman

It doesn't take more skill to paint hundreds of strokes rather than one right stroke but it takes more patience.

~Robert Bateman

If I ever have a conflict between art and nature, I let art win.

~Robert Bateman

The most important question facing the planet is: Is it worth it?

~Robert Bateman

Nature is not a free lunch, but we treat it as a free lunch.

~Robert Bateman

In our instant pudding world, everything is sweet, smooth, very convenient and fast. There are lots of assorted flavors, but they're all artificial.

~Robert Bateman

Aesthetic pleasure is not to be taken lightly; it's very important for the spirit and therefore the health.

~Robert Bateman

Art is challenging and frustrating but I don't linger in it. I work on five paintings at a time so if I'm frustrated I put one down and begin another.

~Robert Bateman

When you get to be my age, you begin to count how many Mays you have left - the best time of year for flowers and birds in North America.

~Robert Bateman

I prefer to hike in nature, give lectures, or be with family when not working.

~Robert Bateman

After being an Impressionist, Cubist, and an Abstract Expressionist, I was influenced by realistic artists, including Andrew Wyeth in the late '50s, and I haven't changed my style since.

~Robert Bateman

Children don't play outside enough. For hundreds of thousands of years young people spent time outside - until 15 years ago.

~Robert Bateman

A muse comes down from Mount Olympus and changes my attitude, cheering me up - it's an inner intuition, suddenly giving a breakthrough to be able to move ahead.

~Robert Bateman

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