

Darlene H. Morris

*Acrylic/Collage/Mixed Media
Watercolor & Digital Collage*

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Darlene Hansen Morris began her art career when she received her first new box of Crayola crayons at an early age from her artistic mother. Taking art classes each semester, she sold her first watercolor painting to the high school secretary. Her work was exhibited in the annual student show at Balboa Park in San Diego when she was a high school senior.

In the intervening years she has continued her studies with well-known artists, including Annette Paquet, Roger Folk, Gerald Brommer, Katherine Chang Liu, Morten Solberg and Louise Cadillac. Her work has been exhibited in the Southern California area since 1983. Her paintings have been juried into shows at the San Diego Watercolor Society, Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League, Fallbrook Art Association, the San Diego County Fair at Del Mar, and the La Jolla Art Association. Her paintings in oil, watercolor, and acrylics are in private collections across the United States. She is currently working in acrylic with collage, mixed media, and digital photo-collage imagery.

The subjects she chooses to paint are a reflection of her love of the natural landscape and her appreciation of man-made structures. During her youth she traveled with her family by car across the United States several times. As a result, she loves the variety of landscape scenery. Her attraction to architectural forms led her to study architectural drafting and rendering, which increased her understanding of structure and strengthened her work.

Darlene believes art should be an uplifting experience for the beholder as well as the artist. She strives to see grace, beauty, and soul expressed in each work to bring a sense of peace and harmony into each painting.

EDUCATION (Selected list)

Mesa College, San Diego, CA

Art history, life drawing & printmaking

Palomar College, San Marcos, CA

Color and design, acrylic & watercolor painting

Workshops (Selected List)

Roger Folk, Newport Beach

Gerald Brommer, SDWS & Sedona, AZ

Marilyn Hughey Phyllis, SDWS

Katherine Chang Liu, SDWS

Morten E. Solberg, SDWS

Louise Cadillac, SDWS

Claire-Lise Matthey Anderegg, SDWS

MEMBERSHIPS

Twentynine Palms Artists' Association

Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council, Inc.

San Diego Watercolor Society

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies



AWARDS (Selected list)

Second Place Oil & Acrylic, *Evening Aspens*
Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League, January 2004

Honorable Mention Mixed Media, *Children of the Light*, mixed media
San Diego County Fair, June/July 2003

Honorable Mention Mixed Media, *Epi Impressions*, mixed media
Fallbrook Art Association Spring Membership Show, April 2003

Aquent Calendar 2003, *Field Thistles I*, mixed media
Image featured on the October page

Honorable Mention, *Torrey Pines Collage II*, digital collage
San Marcos Art Association & the City of San Marcos, June 2002

First Place Photography, *Torrey Pines Collage II*, digital collage
Fallbrook Art Association Spring Membership Show, April 2002

EXHIBITIONS (Selected list)

November - December 2005 - Hi-Desert Water District, Invited Artist
Several paintings on exhibit, acrylic, mixed media, watercolor, and original prints

November 2005 - Hi-Desert Playhouse, MBCAC Invited Artist
Five paintings on exhibit, mixed media and original prints

September - October 2005 - Twentynine Palms Art Gallery
California Hills, mixed media; *Sedona Red Rocks*, mixed media

May - June 2005 - Allied Artists Association of San Diego at Wyndham Hotel in San Diego
Evening Aspens, acrylic; *Epi Impressions*, mixed media; *Sedona Red Rocks*, mixed media

July/August 2004 - Vista Art Association's Vista Village Gallery, Featured Artist
Seven original paintings and limited edition prints on exhibit

January 2004 - Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League, Juried Membership Show
Evening Aspens, acrylic

December 2003 - La Jolla Art Association New Member Show
Epi Impressions, mixed media
California Hills, mixed media

August 2003 - Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League, 53rd Annual Open Juried Award Show
Epi Impressions, mixed media

September 2002 - The Fine Arts Institute of the San Bernardino County Museum
37th Annual Open Juried Exhibition
Children of the Light, mixed media

June 2002 - San Diego County Fair at Del Mar Juried Show
Field Thistles I, mixed media

COLLECTIONS (Selected list)

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Anderson, Minnetonka, Minnesota

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lockhart, Hemet, California

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jones, Carlsbad, California

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Swift, Vista, California

Ms. Patricia Ann Tisdale, La Jolla, California