

Kay Ross

Fine Art Painter – Acrylic | Watercolor | Gouache

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Artist Statement

My practice explores the vibrant landscapes of the Sonoran Desert and the Pacific Northwest. I have dedicated myself to weekly study with a local artist for over a decade, continually refining my technique. Rooted in traditional techniques and driven by the use of color, shape, and light, I seek to capture the essence and movement of subjects, inviting viewers into the environments that have shaped her life.

My work has been recognized with [numerous awards](#), including four first-place ribbons in juried exhibitions. Paintings are held in private collections across the United States- including New York, Washington, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Arizona-as well as internationally in the Netherlands.

My recent works employ impressionist techniques to create luminous, realistic scenes- ranging from blooming yuccas and autumn leaves to underwater sea otters. My latest piece is a large painting of the St. Philip's in the Hills courtyard, inspired by an historic 1950s postcard photo by Ben Maxley.

Education & Training

Independent Study under Felicitas Sokec, Temple of Ma

Tucson, Arizona, 2014-Present

Focused instruction in fine art painting techniques, color theory, and composition through one-on-one mentorship with established artist.

Abstract Workshop with Eric Galbreath, Galbreath Fine Art

Tucson, Arizona, 2016

Awards & Recognition

First Place Awards

- Professional, Painting, Theme, Pima County Fair, 2025
Sunset on the Range: The Life of Cowboys and Cowgirls Contest
“Dos Compadres”
- Professional, Painting, Theme, Pima County Fair, 2023
Theme: Monsoon
“Striking”
- First Place, Professional, Painting, Pima County Fair, 2023
“Pima Indian Baskets”
- First Place, Professional, Painting, Pima County Fair, 2022
“Farmers’ Market Fresh”

Second Place Awards

- Second Place, Professional, Painting, Pima County Fair, 2025
Spice of Art: Hotter than a Jalapeno Contest
“Barrio Accents”
- Second Place, Professional, Painting, Pima County Fair, 2025
“Winged Messenger”
- Second Place, Professional, Painting, Pima County Fair, 2024
“March Blooms”
- Juror’s Choice Award, Artist’s Invitational, Camelback Gallery, 2023
“Dos Compadres”
- Second Place, Professional, Works on Paper, National Arts Program, 2023
University of Arizona “On Our Own Time” Art Exhibit
“Adornment”
- Second Place, Intermediate, Painting, National Arts Program, 2018
University of Arizona “On Our Own Time” Art Exhibit
“Pima Indian Baskets”

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Awards & Recognition

Third Place Award

- Third Place, Professional, Painting, Pima County Fair, 2022
“Grand Entrance”

Tenth Place Award

- 10th Place Award, Painting (of 949 entries, top 1%), Light Space & Time, 2024
“Summer 5 for \$10” Art Exhibition
“Playful Dolphin”

Other Award Categories

- Honorable Mention
 - Special Recognition and Merit
 - Talent Merit
 - Exhibition Finalist Award
 - Juried Exhibition Acceptance
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Exhibitions & Sales

Solo Exhibition

- Contracted: Ranch House Art Gallery, Aqua Caliente Park, Pima County CLR, Tucson, Arizona 2027

Juried Group Exhibitions

- Art in the Garden, Palo Verde Neighborhood Association, Tucson, Arizona 2025
- University of Arizona “On Our Own Time”, National Arts Program, Tucson, Az, 2025
- Fall Fest at the Square, Fellowship Square, Tucson, Arizona 2024
- The Art of Planetary Science 2025: 50 years of Mystery and Discovery on Mars, University of Arizona LPL, Tucson, AZ
- Eclectic Art Group Exhibit : Women Artists, Monterrey Court, Tucson, Arizona, 2024
- University of Arizona “On Our Own Time”, National Arts Program, Tucson, Az, 2024

Juried Group Exhibitions (Continued)

- The Art of Planetary Science 2023: Big Worlds, Small Worlds, University of Arizona LPL, Tucson, AZ
- International Women's Month, YWCA of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona, 2023
- University of Arizona "On Our Own Time", National Arts Program, Tucson, Az, 2023
- The Elements – Air, Tohono Chul Main Gallery, Tucson, Arizona, 2022
- Annual Student Artist Exhibit, Monterey Court for Temple of Ma, Tucson, Az, 2022
- The Art of Planetary Science 2021: Space Travel, University of Arizona LPL, Tucson, Az
- Annual Student Artist Exhibit, Dedicated Café for Temple of Ma, Tucson, Az, 2020
- University of Arizona "On Our Own Time", National Arts Program, Tucson, Az, 2020
- University of Arizona "On Our Own Time", National Arts Program, Tucson, Az, 2019
- Annual Student Artist Exhibit, Dedicated Café for Temple of Ma, Tucson, Az, 2018
- University of Arizona "On Our Own Time", National Arts Program, Tucson, Az, 2018
- Winter Solstice Exhibition, Dedicated Café for Temple of Ma, Tucson, Arizona, 2017
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- Winter Solstice Exhibition, Fluxx Studio and Gallery, Tucson, Arizona, 2015
- Small Wonders, The Drawing Studio Gallery, Tucson, Arizona, 2015
- Valentine's Day Exhibit, Temple of Ma, Tucson, Arizona, 2015
- Annual Student Artist Exhibit, Temple of Ma, Tucson, Arizona, 2014

International Juried Online Group Exhibitions

- Leaves & Petals 2025 Art Exhibition, Fusion*Art
- Galaxy, PartCrowd Art Gallery-Toronto (online)
- 2025 "7th WATER", TERAVARNA
- 2024 "Winter 5 for \$10", Light Space & Time Art Gallery
- All Things Autumn 2024, Camelback Gallery
- 9th Landscapes Art Exhibition, Fusion*Art
- Beyond Earth Online Art Competition 2024, Ten Moir Gallery
- 2024 "10th LANDSCAPE", TERAVARNA
- 14th "Landscapes" Art Exhibition 2024, Light Space & Time Art Gallery

International Juried Online Exhibitions (Continued)

- 2024 “Summer 5 for \$10”, Light Space & Time Art Gallery
- “Over 50” 2024, Las Laguna Art Gallery
- 2024 "9th ANIMAL", TERAVARNA
- Amazing Animals 2024, Camelback Gallery
- 2024 "5th WATER", TERAVARNA
- 2024 "2th NATURE", TERAVARNA
- 9th Annual Colorful Abstractions Art Exhibition, Fusion*Art
- All Abstracts 2023, Camelback Gallery
- “Nature” Art Exhibition 2023, Light Space & Time Art Gallery
- 2023 "8th ANIMAL", TERAVARNA
- Artist’s Invitational VII, Camelback Gallery, 2023
- Figurative-Portrait 2023, Camelback Gallery
- “Patterns, Textures & Forms” Art Exhibition 2023, Light Space & Time Art Gallery
- 1st Virtual OPEN Exhibit, National Arts Program, 2020

Private Collections

- Paintings held in private collections across the United States, including:

New York	Pennsylvania
Washington	Tennessee
Oregon	Arizona
- Work held internationally in the Netherlands

Selected Sales

- Sale through Tohono Chul Main Gallery, The Elements – Air Exhibit
- Original works sold via Direct Commission
- Ongoing sales through Online Gallery and Personal Studio

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Skills & Media

- Acrylic Fine Art Painting
- Watercolor & Gouache and Fine Art Painting
- Studio Instruction & Workshop Attendance