

## **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 my 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.

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### **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

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### 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 at Campus Initiative at Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 2026-27
- The Art of Planetary Science 2026: Space Through Our Lens, University of Arizona LPL, Tucson, AZ
- Annual Student Artist Exhibit, Monterey Court Café, Tucson, Az, 2026
- America at 250: Uncovering the Five C’s of Arizona through Art, Art State Arizona and the Flynn Foundation, Phoenix, Arizona 2026
- *Just Add Water!* SAACA at the Fountains, Tucson, Arizona 2025
- Art in the Garden, Palo Verde Neighborhood Association, Tucson, Arizona 2025

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### Juried Group Exhibitions (Continued)

- 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
- 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
- Annual Student Artist Exhibit, Dedicated Café for Temple of Ma, Tucson, Az, 2017
- Winter Solstice Exhibition, Dedicated Café for Temple of Ma, Tucson, Arizona, 2016
- Annual Student Artist Exhibit, Dedicated Café for Temple of Ma, Tucson, Az, 2016
- 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

- 2026 “16<sup>th</sup> BOTANICALS”, Light Space & Time Art Gallery
- 2025 "10th FLOWER", TERAVARNA
- Forests & Mountains, 2025, Ten Moir Gallery
- 2025 “Summer 5 for \$10”, Light Space & Time Art Gallery

**International Juried Online Exhibitions (Continued)**

- Animals and Insects, 2025, Ten Moir Gallery
- 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
- 14<sup>th</sup> "Landscapes" Art Exhibition 2024, Light Space & Time Art Gallery
- 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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### **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

### **Published Works: Molli's Gratitude**

- Children's picture book with original art in watercolor
- Published through Kindle Publishing, available on Amazon.com, 2024
- Marketed through Premier Book Works, promotional placement of children's books, 2025

### **Skills & Media**

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