

Kay Ross

Fine Art Painter – Acrylic | Watercolor | Gouache

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Artist Statement

I paint to share the wonder I experience in the landscapes, places, and moments that capture my imagination.

The landscapes of the Sonoran Desert and the Pacific Northwest have shaped both my life and my artistic vision. Through acrylic, watercolor, and gouache, I explore the light, color, and atmosphere that make each place unique.

I am drawn to scenes that spark my curiosity and sense of wonder—a canyon wall illuminated by the setting sun, the dramatic arrival of a monsoon storm, the unexpected beauty of a desert bloom, or a quiet moment along a remote trail. These are the experiences that capture my attention and inspire me to paint.

Working in an impressionistic style grounded in observation, I strive to create more than a visual record of a place. My goal is to share the sense of fascination, connection, and discovery I felt when I encountered the scene, inviting viewers to step into the landscape and experience it for themselves.

Through color, shape, and light, I hope to celebrate the remarkable beauty that exists in both grand vistas and ordinary moments, encouraging others to see the natural world with fresh eyes.

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, 2026
“Endless Expanse”
- 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”

Bronze Award

- Bronze Award, Camelback Gallery, 2024
Autumn Festival of Art
“Scenic“
- Bronze Award, Camelback Gallery, 2023
Figurative/Portrait 2023
“The Dancer”

Other Award Categories

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

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
- 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
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- Winter Solstice Exhibition, Fluxx Studio and Gallery, Tucson, Arizona, 2015

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Juried Group Exhibitions (Continued)

- 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 "13th Landscape", TERAVARNA
- 2026 "16th 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
- 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
- 14th "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

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International Juried Online Exhibitions (Continued)

- “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
- Sale through Art State Arizona at the Flinn Foundation
- Sale through SAACA at the Fountains Gallery
- 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