Karen Keys

Watercolor has been Karen's passion for the past 20 years, but ten years ago, she picked up pastels and loves them also. Now she splits her time between the two and enjoys the lessons she learns from exploring both media.

Karen mostly paints landscapes but also paints florals, pet portraits, and sometimes abstracts. She likes painting plein aire (outdoors), but usually ends up in her studio using a photo and her imagination. She feels like she grows with each work that she completes and is still exploring all different aspects of the world on paper. Art adds passion to her life and gives her great comfort and joy.

Karen is a member of the Folsom Art Association, the Sacramento Fine Arts Center (WASH), the Sutter Street Artists Gallery, the Placer County Arts Council, and the Pastel Society of the West Coast. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from UC Davis.

Paintings by Karen Keys. These paintings are for sale with an average price of $120 to $430 depending on the size and whether or not they are already framed. Add approximately 4 inches around each side for matted image size.

About
I have been painting for the past 20 years now. I was an art major at UC Davis and then became a teacher. I married, had children and raised a family and worked for the next 20 years before going back to painting. I started back by taking classes at the local college and then watercolor lessons from Phyl Doyon in Camarillo. A few years later I converted a room in our house into a studio and have been selling and showing my art work since then.

Several years ago I started going to pastel workshops taught by Bert Collins in Ojai and have enjoyed exploring this media.

I am currently a member of the Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons, The Folsom Art Center and a signature member of The Sierra Pastel Society.

Exhibitions and Awards
- Harris Center art gallery, 2016, 2018
- Mother Lode Show, Placerville, 2016, 2018
- Folsom art association member show, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Sps small things show, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Auburn Art walk 2016

Honorable Mention, 2014
- SPS open show Placerville Government center, 2013
- SPS member show, Placerville: 2015, 2016; Sacramento: 2018
- PSGC Member Show, Ojai Art Center, 2011
  - Peoples Choice Award, 2011
- PSGC Member Show, Thousand Oaks Art Gallery, 2010
Classes
Open studio every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
From 9am to 12pm

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