
JAN HUTHOEFER

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When Jan Huthoefer saw the Arizona desert in 1971, it was love at first sight! She's still sharing her fascination with this particular corner of God's creation through her art. Jan's childhood passion was sketching for hours in the cool basement of Kansas farm home on hot summer days. Later life brought her to Sierra Vista in 1986. Jan has consistently improved her artistic skills by attending classes taught by both local and nationally-known art teachers. She sees the pursuit of excellence in artwork as a life-long journey, but what an exciting and enjoyable journey it is! She has shared her accumulation of more than 35 years of art knowledge and skills with others as a teacher for three years.

Jan's paintings reflect the variety of subject matter that interest her: architectural scenes, vintage automobiles, landscapes, florals and abstracts. She also enjoys the challenge presented by undertaking commission work in watercolor, acrylic, gouache, collage, encaustics (melted wax), or mixed media. Jan calls her style "enhanced realism", meaning that she paints in a way more attractive to the eye than things may be in reality. Though she suffers from quite a bit of pain, she pushes it away to focus on creating beauty.

Jan displays her award-winning paintings most frequently at the:

- Tombstone Assn. of the Arts, Ltd. (TAA) Gallery at 317 Allen Street, Tombstone, AZ
- Her home studio in Sierra Vista, AZ (Call 520-803-9657 for an appointment)
- In Tucson through shows sponsored by the Contemporary Artists of Southern Arizona (CASA)
- Many of her works are in private collections all around the world.

Community Service:

- 1999 - 2000 President of the HAA
- 2001 - 2011 Publicity Director of the TAA
- 2007 - 2009 TAA Executive Board Secretary
- Occasional demonstrations and workshops for children and adults.

Honors and awards:

- 1994 - Juried in to the Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild (SAWG), Tucson, AZ with work juried into the 1995 and 1996 SAWG shows held at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and sold work both years. Also had work juried into the 1997 show at the Foothills Mall Show in Tucson.
- 1995 & 2000 - Works juried into the San Diego, California Watercolor Society monthly membership shows.
- 1999 - 2000 Paintings featured on the cover of the Festival of the Southwest Schedule and the Cinco de Mayo celebrations produced by the City of Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Services (SVP & LS)
- 1999 - Pictures of 5 works included in Cochise College's Annual literary and arts Magazine, *Mirage*, including the cover piece.
- 2001 - Cover art for the SVP & LS May - August edition of *Leisure Times*.
- 2002 - Received the Sierra Vista Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year 2001
- 2008 - Received signature member status in the Contemporary Artists of Southern Arizona (CASA)
- 2011 - Best of Show as an Emerging Artist, San Pedro River Arts Council, Benson, AZ
- 2014 - Painting accepted for the new Sierra Vista Regional Health Center collection