

Demonstrator – August 2012

Sandy Tracey



Sandy Tracey has been painting and drawing ever since she was a small child. " My mother used to give me crayons and a coloring book when I was still in the crib. I would be busy while she'd be sewing something in my bedroom. One day, she was getting the house cleaned up for a dinner party that evening. As usual, she gave me my crayons and coloring book, but left me alone so she could clean the house. Well, to her horror, when she came back to the bedroom, I had "drawn" on each bar on the crib, every wall space between the bars as far up as I could reach, using every color in the crayola box of course! There was no time to clean it up before the guests arrived, so she did the next best thing. She brought everyone in to show off "what her little artist had created." " I was off to a running start! Since then, painting has been my passion!"

I love to use the striking shapes made by cactus to create my various colorful interpretations of the desert. The saguaro is a favorite theme in my work, along with the prickly pear cactus. My colors are bold and dynamic, an "in your face" style. My paintings are taken either from sketches, plein air painting or photographs that I have taken while enjoying hikes in the desert. My palette consists of acrylics, watercolors, markers and mixed media. To me color is everything! I love the shapes and textures of different cactus. I try to use the play of light & shapes of what I see and convert it into fun interplay of colors. My work will NEVER be accidentally confused as a photograph"

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