

# DEMONSTRATOR

## AUGUST 2018



## KAREN RAE

Best known for her Western 'cowboy' watercolor paintings, artist KAREN RAE will be our demonstrator for the August meeting.

She was born and raised in Salt Lake City and moved to Phoenix about 19 years ago. Painting is something it seems Karen was born to do. As an artist she's not a product of formal training, but of drive and natural talent. Karen's first career was owner/operator of five successful beauty salons. She dabbled in painting on the side, mainly doing pieces for her friends. At the age of 50 she decided to take some time off and do a small showing of her work; she approached it with a make-it-or-

break-it attitude. If she made money, she'd become a professional artist; if not stay a stylist.

Her popularity and success snowballed and started to gain momentum. Her distinctive watercolors are well known in Utah, all over the country and into Canada. In fact, chances are good that you have seen some of her work. She's done paintings for the cover of the Park City phonebook, for the World Cup opening promotions, Utah's Olympic Bid Poster "America's Choice" and many more. She's best known for her 'cowboy' watercolors – 'Western Whimsical' as she calls it – cowboys carrying saddles and skis, boots and ballet slippers. Many of her subjects' faces aren't shown as Karen feels it leaves a little bit of mystery. She also paints sports scenes, florals and landscapes. She opened her first gallery "Karen's Kountry & Gallery" on Main Street in Park City, Utah.

From September 8 to November 8, 2017, Karen presented her work at a Narthex Art Exhibition at the Church of the Beatitudes.

This Artist Biography was printed in the pamphlet available to all who viewed her paintings.