## Sharon Sieben, Arizona Artist

# **Biography**

Sharon was born in a small town in Indiana. Her home was located on a lake, and in the summer, water sports and activities occupied most of her time. In the Winter, ice skating was her favorite activity. Now, the opposite is true, since she now lives in the Sonoran desert with Mountains and Cacti. She started taking piano lessons at the age of 10, and near that time her parents gave her a set of oil paints. Music and art have always been important part of her life, but it wasn't until the past several years that she seriously pursued painting as profession.

Some of her creations are "larger than life" impressionist food and floral compositions in bold, splashy colors; but figurative subjects are her preference and contemporary nude paintings make up a large portion of her body of work. In the beginning she painted realistic compositions, but always felt that something was missing. She now paints in a loose expressive style and states that the reason she has abandoned realism as a method is because "there can be a great chasm between what the eye sees and the hand paints but the soul recognizes the concept".

She is now a prolific painter in her Mesa, Arizona studio.

#### Resume

#### Education

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Undergraduate college classes in Watercolor, Composition, Drawing and Perspective. Ongoing participation in workshops for Life Drawing, Portrait painting, Mixed media.

# **Gallery Representation**

Feminine Mystique Elite Gallery, Tubac AZ Gina MW Gallery, Long Beach CA Xanadu Gallery, Scottsdale AZ Hue Gallery, Wichita KS

## **Shows and Exhibits**

Cobre Valley Center for the Arts, Globe, AZ; Blue Mule Gallery, Globe, AZ

Mesa Art Center-Autumn Gold Show; A.S.U. Gammage Auditorium, Tempe; Arizona Art Alliance Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ; Arizona Art Alliance Group exhibit in Fountain Hills, AZ; Arizona Art Alliance Group Exhibit, Glendale, AZ; East Side Art Gallery, Brio Fine Arts Center, Scottsdale AZ; Celebration of the Artists, Peoria, AZ.

## Most Recent Exhibits

World Showcase of Arts, Wynn Casino Resort - December 2012 NY EXPO - March 2013

## Solo Shows

Cobra Valley Center for the Arts; Boyce Thompson Arboretum; Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Historical Museum; Copper Mine Picture Cafe, Superior AZ.

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