

Ann Maglente

Watercolor Artist and Illustrator. Background and Resume

I started to paint in watercolor at the age of 10. I have illustrated three books including *Secrets of the Oak Woodlands*, which includes over 30 paintings and illustrations of birds, animals, plants and trees found in the oak woodlands. I think watercolor is the perfect medium to use in painting birds. It will accurately portray birds and animals, it is great for detail work, and it is wonderful for the landscape portion of the painting. Each bird is unique, and watercolor will capture the qualities that makes them special: Their distinctive colors, their beauty and their personality.

In 2009 I was honored as the Mendocino County Art Champion in the category of Artist. Each year this honor is given to an artist who demonstrates artistic excellence in their chosen discipline, and shows a commitment to strengthening their community by using their artistic accomplishments to benefit everyone.

I was awarded Best of Show for my painting entered in the Second Annual Animal Exhibition at the Mendocino Art Center, and I have received several awards for my paintings exhibited in the yearly WASCO Aqua Areas Juried Watercolor Exhibition. I have also been awarded many award ribbons for my work submitted to the Mendocino County Fair over the years. I was on the Board of the Willits Center for the Arts for ten years.

I received my B.A. in Art, with an emphasis in painting, from San Jose State University. I have studied watercolor, printmaking, fabric design and ceramics for many years at Mendocino College and the Mendocino Art Center. I studied drawing and education at Sonoma State. I have a degree in Early Childhood Education from Mendocino College, and Waldorf Kindergarten Assistant Training. I have been an Artist-in-Residence at several schools, and was awarded a Two-Year California Arts Grant Program. I have been the recipient of many grants to teach art in the schools, like Project Art Smart, and several GASP Arts Grants that teach art through the curriculum.

I was the featured artist for the Grace Hudson museum Gift shop twice, showing my flower paintings and later my bird paintings. I have been in many group shows at the Willits Center for the Arts.

For over 30 years I taught art in all the schools in the Willits area, elementary to high school age, including La Vida Charter School, and the Willits Charter School, and was the painting teacher at River Oak Charter School for five years. I have also taught many private art classes for adults and children over the years. I have been teaching watercolor painting for Mendocino College since 2005. My students have always been an inspiration for me. I love sharing watercolor with

them, watching as their skills grow, and seeing how painting becomes an important part of their lives.

My husband, Jon and I, were founding members of Corner Gallery in Ukiah, and also the First Fridays Art Walk. We are also long time members of Northcoast Artists Gallery in Fort Bragg where we show our artwork and have been a part of many group and solo shows.

I have exhibited my work since 2000, and continue to show my work each year locally and in the Bay Area, including a solo show at the Savings Bank of Mendocino County. In 2023 I was accepted into the California Watercolor Association Art Show, a very prestigious show.

My watercolors are in collections all over the world, and in 2014 I received a commission for a series of three large paintings, and several room paintings, which are on permanent display at the Redwood Medical Clinic, which is part of Howard Hospital Adventist Health in Willits.

When I am not painting or sketching, I love to work in the garden, with herbs and flowers, be with the grandkids, play bluegrass music, and sing in our community chorus.

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