

Rachel Nelson

Rachel has fun painting! She enjoys the spontaneous qualities of watercolor & is focused on strong design & color. She feels a painting is successful if it is interesting to look at from different angles & the viewer's eye can "flow" through the painting's design. After receiving a BFA degree from Principia College in Illinois, she was successful in showing her watercolors in her home state of Ohio, receiving ten awards in fourteen shows!



She moved to New Mexico in 1974 because she was told, "...the sunsets are incredible!". Her first attempts at painting the New Mexico landscape were awful!



Lucky for her, that she soon took a class from her beloved Jack Dietrich. He put her on the right path with a new palette of colors, shapes for southwestern land forms & a reminder to "keep it simple".

Rachel was very active in the early years of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. She participated in numerous juried shows, won awards & has been with Weems Gallery since

its inception. Rachel has also been a dedicated elementary school art volunteer for many years.

Her painting style has changed through the years. She now paints with transparent watercolor on a slick, or gessoed surface. The colors are not absorbed into the paper, but flow together on the surface-creating a unique look.

