

Diana Schmidt



Photo by Greg Lehman

Watercolor, Acrylics, Pastels, Mixed Media

My approach to art is straight forward and passionate. I have created imagery with an assortment of art materials and invented and curated projects ranging from gallery presentations to museum shows. I am glad I have had so many challenges put before me in my art career. I love it that people say my work makes them feel positive and happy. My images are a reflection of what is I think is of interest to all of us. Our beautiful world, and our experiences in it are my subject matter.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY, EDUCATION

University of Oregon, Bachelor Degree in Science with an Art Major

Many gallery exhibits and group shows over a span of professional associations starting in the 1980s with the Yakima Symphony fine art poster and features in national magazines and Washington state regional events.

Artist Trust workshop was my most recent professional seminar, Whitman College, 2015

MAKING A LIVING AS AN ARTIST

For years a professional illustrator, I was employed by many in work as far ranging as fashion and merchandise illustration, National Forest literature, Health Care fundraising illustrations, decorative murals and installations, as well as signage and logo design.

From my public fine art studio in Yakima, I enjoyed working on commissions for 17 years for families and organizations. My gallery/studio complex, Storefront Art Studios, hosted artists in residence for 20 years and also served as a gallery space for Eastern Washington artists in Yakima, Ellensburg, the Tri Cities and other communities. I have lived in Walla Walla for 17 years.

Clients from far back include Bill Harrah and Willie Nelson, The Yakima Symphony, the National Red Cross, Seattle Childrens' Hospital, Better Homes and Gardens and Country Living Magazine, the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, and more recently, WW Tourism and Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce, the Sweet Onion Commission, and the Farmers Market Downtown. I've illustrated books, posters, and greeting cards for private clients and national publishers. Current clients have included Walla Walla Vintners, Leonetti Cellar, Isenhower Cellars and Saviah Winery. Recently, I have embraced painting 'Au Plein Air'. dianaschmidtartist.com 509 520-0804 dianas43@q.com zdianas43@q.com
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