

Diane Adams works in a variety of media from printmaking to photography. Her favorite media is watercolor which she teaches at MiraCosta College. She likes to create both traditional realistic and non-representational paintings.

Nature inspired, Diane's works are filled with textures and rocks, light and shadows and plant and water imagery. She paints on location and from the photographs she takes. For other paintings she uses memories of places visited and natural objects she has collected to develop her compositions. For the past several years, she has been mixing watercolors with pastels, pencil, acrylics and other media to get an ethereal, dreamlike effect in her watercolors.

Besides COAL, Diane is a member of the Brandon Gallery co-op in Fallbrook. Her work has been included in such prestigious shows as the San Diego Watercolor Society International, San Diego Art Institute Annuals and the Cannon Gallery's Premier Juried Exhibit. She has won numerous awards in the Southern California Fine Arts Exhibits, the COAL, SDAI, Fallbrook, La Jolla Art Association annual exhibits and the San Diego Watercolor Society Exhibits. Her paintings have been featured in the "San Diego Magazine", the cover of the MiraCosta College Catalog and in "Artists of Southern California".

In addition to teaching and making art, Diane has been involved in promoting the arts in the North County and is especially proud of the COAL High School Show. She received the Rhino Art Award in 1998 for her contributions to the arts community. In 2006, she was one of thirteen people inducted to the Oceanside High School Hall of Fame for her work in the field of art. Other professional awards include MCC Outstanding Faculty Award and inclusion in "Who's Who of American Teachers".