

Patricia McGeeney : BIOGRAPHY

San Diego based artist Patricia McGeeney is a native of Santa Monica, California. Her natural artistic ability was realized at an early age and has become the primary focus of her life. She received her formal training at Art Center College of Design where she majored in illustration. Continued studies at the Watts Atelier provided a strong foundation in classical figure drawing and painting. Over the years she has studied with many distinguished masters, all contributing to her growth and understanding as an artist. She believes that working from life, finding the true essence of her subjects, the play of light and shadow, color harmonies and lively brushwork are all elements that ultimately make good painting. For these reasons the freshness and immediacy of plein air painting has become another dominant area of her work.

Though her paintings contain a variety of subject matter, figure and portraiture have become her area of interest and considers herself part of a new American figurative movement where her work is an amalgam of realism and impressionism. Great artists of the past such as early California Impressionists, Sargent, Sorolla, Klimt, Velasquez, (too many to list) along with many contemporary masters are constant sources of inspiration.

"My goal is to create honest work, faithful to what I see and interpreting into harmonious and balanced imagery with solid draftsmanship and design; painting that is pleasing to the viewer but also engaging and satisfying on an emotional level."

Patricia is represented by Hillside Fine Art, Claremont, CA. Craftsman Revival, Solana Beach, CA. and Forest and Ocean Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA.

Patricia is an participating member of and over the years has participated in all exhibitions in these prestigious organizations:
Oil Painters of America
Portrait Society of America
California Art Club Artist Member
Laguna Plein Air Painters Association
American Women Artists Member with Distinction
Arc Salon

Plein Air Awards and Invitationals include: Borrego Springs, Kern County and Zion National Park.