

## Karen Werner Artist Biography

Karen is a native Californian who grew up around paint. As a child she watched her father design and hand letter signs, show cards, and billboards at her parents' sign company in Orange County. Her art studies in High School and at California State University, Fullerton provided her with an early foundation in drawing and painting. However, while pursuing her art degree and raising her small children, she changed her direction toward working with young children. After earning her Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies and Master's Degree in Education, Karen taught elementary school for sixteen years in the Chino Unified School District.

In 2005, after some soul searching she left the teaching profession to return to painting. Karen has been painting full time since, working in oils and watercolor. Striving for versatility, she paints a wide variety of subject matter: still life, landscapes, urban scenes and figures. She paints from life in the studio, in plein air and from her sketches and photographs. Karen has studied under contemporary masters: Milford Zornes, Ratindra Das, Chris Van Winkle, Carol Marine, Greg La Rock, Jennifer Mc Christian, Qiang Huang, Kim English and Joseph Todorovitch.

Karen's paintings have received numerous awards in local juried shows. She has shared her journey and displayed her work for sale on her Art Blog since 2010. As a result, her work is held in private collections across the United States and abroad. Karen lives in Chino with her husband and her dog. She has three grown children and six grandchildren. To see more of her work visit: [www.karenwernerart.blogspot.com](http://www.karenwernerart.blogspot.com)