

Dorene Fundin

Watercolorist

As far back as she can remember, Dorene Fundin loved to draw and work with color. Though she drew and painted all throughout her childhood, she was never encouraged to do so. Her parents and teachers were in the mindset that Math, English and Reading were more important than anything else Dorene might like to do. That mindset didn't stop or keep Dorene from her love of creating beautiful works of art. In 1979 she relocated to the high desert with her husband Lyle and three sons. Here in the desert she found beauty all around her which stirred her creative talent. Everywhere she looked there was a painting waiting to take its' place onto her watercolor paper.

Dorene studied watercolor and took many classes to improve her works. Two of her favorite teachers were Elsie Grace and David Musser. She found their direction, classes and ideas to be very helpful, fun and excitingly successful. Currently, Dorene works in her own studio and attends the Open Studio Art Workshop in the Yucca Valley Community Center on Thursday mornings. The workshop allows her time to work on projects with other artists, enjoy others' artistry and join in the fun of working with those that share her interests. She says if watercolor isn't your thing then bring whatever medium you're working with and we'll have a great time! Her love of watercolor and art in general keeps her young at heart. Dorene shares her love of watercolor with anyone who is interested in listening and learning. She encourages all ages to follow their artistic dreams and to never become discouraged when creating, because each new day brings a new beginning, and a new subject just waiting to be painted or created.