



Diana Madaras.....artist

Artist Diana Madaras who says painting “fills me with joy” is known for her generosity to local charities as much as for her bold, colorful artwork.

Diana owns two galleries in Tucson, Arizona that feature her work exclusively, and is President of the nonprofit Art for Animals Foundation, a charity she founded in 1999 to help abused, injured and orphaned animals.

She is a colorist who celebrates the subtle, natural beauty of ordinary scenes in a way that is both intense and dramatic. Painting in both watercolor and acrylic, Diana has a diverse portfolio – from desert landscapes to expressionistic portraits. A signature member of the Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild, the artist has been featured in over a dozen one-woman shows and her art has hung in the Tucson Museum of Art.

Much in demand for commissioned artwork, Madaras has completed works for Westin, Loews and Miravel Resorts in the Tucson area. She has also created eight paintings for the estate of the former President of Mexico. Her painting, “*The Blues at Old Main*”, was commissioned for the cover of *Alumnus*, the University of Arizona alumni magazine with a circulation of 150,000.

It is interesting to note that after obtaining a masters degree in 1977 at the University of Arizona, she opened a very successful sports marketing company. It was not until a month-long life changing painting trip to Greece in 1993 that she decided to devote herself full time to art.

Madaras was voted Tucson’s Best Visual Artist of 2004, 2005 and 2008. Dozens of newspaper and magazine articles have been written about her and her work, and she has been featured on television shows produced by NBC, CBS and PBS affiliates.

Diana Madaras is definitely.....a “Treasure of Tucson”!

