



VANESSA RUSCZYK

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Fine art oil paintings featuring the native flora and landscapes of the American West

Vanessa Rusczyk's award-winning portraits of flowers and plants give viewers a close look at plant structure and natural design, immersing them in that small world on a large scale. Her paintings are inspired by hikes and road trips, along with the native plant species she grows in her garden. Vanessa was raised in New Mexico, and after 8 years on the East Coast, she returned to the West she loves. She lives in North San Diego County, surrounded by wild chaparral hillsides that define much of Southern California and provide daily inspiration. While focusing on native plants of California started her art career, her subject matter has broadened to the vast landscapes of Western America. Trips to canyon country of Arizona, Utah and New Mexico inspire new works that aim to give a sense of vast space inhabited by resilient plant life.

EDUCATION

Workshops: G. Russell Case, Eric Merrell, Linda Glover Gooch, Natasha Isenhour, Mitch Baird
New York School of Interior Design, AA, 1996

SELECT SHOWS AND AWARDS

Women Artists of the West - The Woolaroc Invitational, 2024
ArtsThrive, Albuquerque Museum, 2023
Wildflowers, Cowgirl Artists of America, 2022
Women Artists of the West National Show, 2022
Marshall Gallery, A Women's Art Expo Show, 2022
29 Palms Art Gallery, Solo Show, May 2022
Women Artists of the West, Spring Show, 2022
• Best of Show
Mission Trails Regional Park 2 Person Show, 2022
ArtsThrive, Albuquerque Museum, 2021
Oil Painters of America Salon Show, 2021
Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition, 2021
San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild, 2021
American Women Artists: Lifting the Sky, 2021
National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society, Best of America Small Works, 2021
Borrego Art Institute, The Art of Flora and Fauna, 2013-2021
American Women Artists: Making Their Mark, Booth Western Art Museum 2020
• Award of Excellence
Yosemite Renaissance 35, 2020
American Women Artists, Looking West, Steamboat Art Museum 2019
• Southwest Art Magazine Award of Excellence

MEMBERSHIPS

American Women Artists, Signature Member
Cowgirl Artists of America, Signature Member
National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society, Member
Oil Painters of America, Associate Member
Women Artists of the West, Member