



# *Karen Crowell*

## **PORTRAIT / LANDSCAPE ARTIST**

Born and raised in Southern California, Karen has loved to draw since childhood. She remembers sitting for hours at her Grandparents table drawing with colored pencils her uncle, a student at UCLA, let her use.

During her student years, she would do drawings for other student's projects in geography and biology. (In exchange for not having to do dissecting)

After the birth of her third daughter, Karen went back to college as an Art Major. She attended Cerritos Community College and earned her BFA from Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles. At Art Center, she majored in Advertising Illustration and Fine Art Painting under the tutelage of Lorser Feitelson.

Karen worked as Assistant Art Director at KTLA television in Hollywood, then Senior Art Director in the Graphic Design department for a large commercial printer. She left her art and painting career behind while she established her own company as a print broker.

In 2008, she closed her company to pursue her art full time. Karen lives with her husband, Bob, in Vista, CA and is involved with several art groups. She has recently discovered Plein Air and Pallet Knife painting. Her work can be seen at the COAL Gallery in Carlsbad, CA and The Fallbrook Gallery, Fallbrook, CA where she has won numerous awards.

She has attended workshops with such well respected artists as:

Daniel Greene – Oil

Janine Salzman – Oil

Don Andrews – Watercolor

Milford Zornes - Watercolor

Ben Young – Oil Landscapes

Jeffery Watts – Oil Portraits

John Cosby – Plein Air Oil

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