

MELISSA MOLONEY

Melissa was born and raised in Tallahassee, Florida where she received her education and her love for the land. She received her Associate of Arts degree from Tallahassee Community College, with a concentration and major in art media. There the classic education including drawing, photography, and painting in oils. After College, she began the real education, studying light and the role it plays in the world and how we view it.

In 2002 she began seriously to pursue her passion for painting in oils by attending workshops with local artists, Gary Sanchez and David Schwindt. As well, she began to enter juried competitions, since that time her work has been invited to participate in such competitions as the New Mexico Expo Fine Arts Exhibits, the Rio Grande Arts Association annual juried art shows, Encantada, the Placitas Artists Series, and in Albuquerque's Masterworks annual show.

Artist Statement

My heart was captured as I first visited New Mexico on vacation, and when later, I was fortunate to be able to live in Albuquerque. Primarily painting landscapes of the Southwest, I find there is endless inspiration to be found in New Mexico's Land of Enchantment. The mountains and mesas as well as the vast open spaces and the dramatic skies of the America's west hold an enormous fascination for me. They play of light and shadow in respect to the landscape creates a beauty that compels me to represent a moment in time on canvas