

Artist of the Month



Meet the Artist *Andrea Di Marco*

Andrea was born in Hollywood and raised in Los Angeles, California. She has a bachelor's degree in Art History ('65) from UCLA and a master's degree in Art History from California State University, Los Angeles ('71). She hoped to become an art teacher but due to budget constraints in the public arts education curriculum, jobs were scarce. Setting aside a dream of working in the art field, after college graduation, Andrea entered the corporate world.

Andrea carved out a business career for herself as Executive Assistant to the CEO of corporations in a variety of industries in Southern California. Later, she joined the corporate travel industry and through her work in that field, she had the opportunity to visit most of the United States and 37 foreign countries. While traveling, Andrea made it a point to visit the art museums and prominent art collections, to view in person the great art and architectural treasures that she had only seen in books.

Seeking a new challenge after retirement, Andrea began to discover how to paint. Never having held a paint brush before, she began learning how to depict the world around her through oil and watercolor media, under the guidance and instruction of professional, award-winning artists at the Carlsbad Senior Center. Through this effort, she has found artistic expression and much personal fulfillment, as well as entirely new ways to view nature.



Andrea considers that her retirement years were meant to be spent learning ways to fulfill a long dormant desire to make art. Her favorite subjects are scenes from the locales she has visited. She is developing a semi-abstract painting style and finding ways to visually express the myriad colors she is discovering in nature.



This exhibit of oil and watercolor paintings at the Carlsbad Senior Center is Andrea's first solo show, which represents two years of studio art instruction.