



## **ARTIST'S BIO**

### **Susan Rohrback**

I am a native to the Northwest, the mountains, valleys, nooks and crannies. I love the outdoors and spend much of my time in the woods, a garden or tending livestock. This has shaped my life with a yen to paint what I have been living.

I have a degree in advertising from Spokane Community College. Except I soon found I had a skill to portray people and took to the road for a 15 year adventure at art shows all over the Northwest drawing and painting portraits. I also exhibited and sold many landscapes, western art and also did quite a lot of humorous illustrations. In a lot of years there has been the chance to explore my skills and the market with variety.

In 1985 I began teaching. I've taught art for the City Parks and Rec at Corbin Art Center and began soon after teaching for the Community Colleges of Spokane for the Act2 Program. I am still employed with the college and teach in the Act2 Program. I find teaching is a delightful, fulfilling job.

I coordinated a Plein air Group for 8 years and scouted some awesome sights to paint. There were about 12-20 artists that participated.

I illustrated for WHCA, which is the Washington Health Care Association, based in Olympia. I did promotions, calendars, Christmas cards and spot art for 15 years.

I am currently and have been a continuous member of the Spokane Watercolor Society for 20 plus years. I have participated frequently in shows and stood as an officer and as a board member over the years.

## **ARTIST STATEMENT**

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Painting gives me peace, a challenge and fulfillment. What I choose to paint is very representative of who I am and also where I live. I love to paint scenes from our ranch and our Northwest area from the many photos I take and Plein Air. I have painted many portraits through the years and keep my love of painting people. I always try to be ready with a pencil in hand or my colors fresh on a palette to express what I see around me. Because I paint in many mediums I like to say I paint in "color" when asked my favorite.