

Art by Diane Whitehead

An avid outdoorswoman and self-taught artist, Diane paints what she loves best: wild animals, Montana mountains, and farm creatures. She is praised for the bold brushstrokes and vibrant colors which make her work come alive. Born in Spokane, Washington, and the second of eight children, Diane sadly found art education neither affordable nor practical.

She earned a degree in Business, while dabbling in oils. Originally determined to study to be a veterinarian, Diane now feels she has combined her love of animals and oil paint to make the perfect marriage of creativity.

Diane began painting at the age of twelve when an uncle, who had lost his eyesight, gave her his box of oil paints. She spent her spare time painting in the house she shared with seven siblings. The solitude of pushing oil paint around on canvas became her most favorite quiet time. She soon began to sell her artwork, and has seen tremendous, worldwide success since then.

Her career includes working 13 years as a pharmaceutical professional while attending classes part time at Eastern Washington University. She then spent another 12 years selling real estate in Spokane, Washington while raising her family, three of whom are now grown and have families of their own. Diane and her husband of 16 years live with their youngest son, who attends Park City High.

Diane's work has been selected by jury for the Utah State Arts Competition at the Kimball Art Center, and has recently been featured in the AOL/Time Warner Sundance Anderson 100th Anniversary Home.

She has sold over 2,000 pieces in the last four years, and is a full-time artist working from her studio in Park City, Utah. She is currently represented by www.theredstonegallery.com in Park City.