



Linda Ahearn

Toscana Studio and Gallery- Artist/Instructor/Gallery Owner

Toscana Studio is a small working art studio specializing in painting, sculpture and three dimensional art. It is operated by Linda Ahearn who is a local artist in Tucson, Arizona. With unending love and support from the love of her life and husband of 20 years, Terry Ahearn, and two fantastic children, Haley and Cole, Linda finds her peace in their arms. There has also been incredible support from friends of Toscana and the community to create this wonderful gem in the gorgeous foothills of Oro Valley.

She began her art career at the age of 12 with oil painting classes. She continued to focus in oil until her junior year in college when she attended art school in Florence, Italy. At Gonzaga in Florence, she learned many different sculpture methods, and was quite inspired by the master sculptors work in Europe. She finished her degree with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Holy Names College in Oakland CA in 1984.

Since then, she has been involved in many continuing education courses in the arts, continuously refining her techniques by learning new mediums, and expanding her knowledge of the arts. She specializes in clay and mixed media sculpture, mold making techniques, plaster and cement casting, as well as sculpting in clay specifically for bronze casting. She has recently received a major public art commission in Oro Valley. Linda accepts private commissions, and continues to paint prolifically in oil. For several years, Linda has taught children and adults painting and sculpture, and has inspired others to look within to find a spark of creativity to express themselves.

Linda is very active in the community art scene and has been a representative on many art panels for selection of exceptional artists for awards. She has received Directors Award for Tucson Pima Art Council Open Studio Tour in 2008. She continues to be on several jury panels throughout Tucson.

Toscana Studio and Gallery, now in its 6th year, offers a uniquely creative environment where many artists, aspiring and established, converge to share ideas and encouragement. Many teaching opportunities have become available as Toscana grows its curriculum.

