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About the Artist: Kim VanDerHoek

“It is my hope that when you view my painting from across the room the large shapes make a strong visual statement and you can easily see what the subject is, then, upon closer inspection, you find yourself lost in the paint texture. I strive to elevate the scene I am painting in order to showcase the everyday beauty surrounding us.”

- Kim VanDerHoek

Kim was born in Southern California and raised in Big Bear City. She spent hours as a child climbing trees, sledding down snow-covered hills, horseback riding and hiking through the woods. Surrounded by the wild beauty of the forest Kim developed an early appreciation for the outdoors and a fascination for urban environments, which she continues to explore through painting.

After graduating in 1993 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Illustration from the California College of the Arts in Oakland, CA; Kim worked as a graphic designer for 11 years. She then left the design field to pursue a career as a full-time painter.

She learned to paint by painting en plein air because it combined her love of being outside and creating art. “I enjoy the challenges plein air painting poses. Dealing with the weather, changing light and other hurdles of outdoor painting has forced me to learn to make decisions quickly, to paint with commitment and above all, to have a plan for each painting.

Kim feels that through plein air painting she has gained a better understanding of the effects of light and atmosphere. She aims to translate those effects into her studio artwork.

Art Education:

Bachelor of Fine Arts, California College of the Arts, 1993

Awards:

2018 Finalist in the August BoldBrush Painting competition, selected by judge Mark Lague

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2018 Honorable Mention at the Sonoma Plein Air Festival
2018 Western Art & Architecture Award at the Haggin Museum American Women Artists National Exhibition.
2018 First Place, Contemporary Art Category from LCAD president Johnathan Burke and Fine Art Chair. Hope Riley, at the heArt of OC Show, Chemers Gallery
2017 Honorable Mention at the Sonoma Plein Air Festival
2016 2nd Place Award at the Southern California Plein Air Painters Assoc. Painting the Light Show, 2817 Studio Gallery
2016 1st Place Award from the V.P. of Collections & Exhibitions at the Bowers Museum, Chemers Gallery
2015 6" Squared Award at the Randy Higbee Gallery
2015 3rd Place Award at the Holiday Treasures Show - Debra Huse Gallery
2015 2nd Place Award at the Southern California Plein Air Painters Assoc. Painting the Light Show, 2817 Studio Gallery
2015 Best of Show, Southern California Plein Air Painters Assoc. OC Fair Paintout
2015 Honorable Mention, Los Gatos Plein Air
2014 Raymar Art Finalist, December
2013 Judge's Choice Daily Paintworks Monthly Painting Competition
2013 6" Squared Award at the Randy Higbee Gallery
2013 3rd Place Daily Paintworks Monthly Painting Competition
2013 Randy Higbee Gallery Award for an Artist's Body of Work at the Laguna Plein Air Invitational
2013 3rd Place Award at the LPAPA Less is More Show - Randy Higbee Gallery
2012 2nd Place Award at the Holiday Treasures Show - Debra Huse Gallery
2012 3rd Place Award at the SOCALPAPA Back Bay Show
2012 3rd Place Award at the LPAPA 8th Annual Best of Plein Air Show
2012 3rd Place Professional Artist's Award at the Scenes of Tustin Show at Chemers Gallery
2011 6" Squared Award at the Randy Higbee Gallery
2011 Finalist in the Artist's Magazine Landscape/Interior Competition
2011 Raymar Art Finalist, June
2011 Finalist for the American Artists Magazine Cover Competition
2010 Paint American Top 100

Art Exhibits:

2019 Plein Air Easton, Easton, MD

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2019 Landscape Today Exhibition, Indianapolis, IN
2019 25th Anniversary Invitational Show, Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA
2018 Holiday Small Works Show, Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA
2018 American Impressionist Society 19th Annual National Juried Exhibition,
Peninsula School of Art, Fish Creek, WI
2018 Sonoma Plein Air, Sonoma, CA
2018 The Haggin Museum Show, American Women Artists National Juried
Exhibition, Stockton, CA
2018 Door County Plein Air Painting Invitational, Fish Creek, WI
2018 Plein Air Easton, Easton, MD
2018 heArt of OC Show at Chemers Gallery
2018 Kern County Plein Air, CA
2017 Urban Landscapes, Saga Fine Art, Monrovia, CA
2017 Plein Air Easton, Easton, MD
2017 Sonoma Plein Air Festival, Sonoma, CA
2016 Urban Landscapes 3 Person Show at Saga Fine Art, Monrovia, CA
2016 Cashiers Plein Air Festival, Cashiers, NC
2106 Tracks, Highways, Biways, Freeways and Footpaths, Saga Fine Art, Monrovia,
CA
2016 Water's Edge, Seas, Streams, Ripples and Reflections, Saga Fine Art, Monrovia,
CA
2016 Sonoma Plein Air Festival, Sonoma, CA
2016 St. Mary's College Museum of Art, California Art Club Reflections in Water,
Moraga, CA
2016 California Art Club Golden State Sunshine, Altadena, CA
2016 Miniature Masterpieces, Saga Fine Art, Monrovia, CA
2016 Special Painting Event, Chemers Gallery, Tustin, CA
2016 California Art Club California Urban Landscapes, Altadena, CA
2016 California Art Club, "The Plein Air Perspective," Millard Sheets Art Center,
Pomona, CA
2016 Laguna Plein Air Painters Assoc. "Signature Member Show," Huntington Beach
Art Center, HB, CA
2015 Viewpoints, Scenes of OC Group Art Show at Chemers Gallery, Tustin, CA
2015 Classic Laguna Group Art Show, Forest & Ocean Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
2015 Los Gatos Plein Air, Los Gatos, CA

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2015 Last Days of Summer Group Art Show, Forest & Ocean Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
2015 Sonoma Plein Air, Sonoma, CA
2015 Ultimate Sunset 2 Sunrise Group Art Show, Debra Huse Gallery, Newport Beach, CA
2015 Southern California Plein Air Painters Assoc. Painting the Light Show, Newport Beach, CA
2015 6" Squared Group Show at Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2015 Holiday Treasures Group Art Show at Debra Huse Gallery, Newport Beach, CA
2015 Sorolla's Legacy - LPAPA Inspired by a Master, Forest & Ocean Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
2014 Viewpoints, Scenes of OC Group Art Show at Chemers Gallery, Tustin, CA
2014 Just Plein Fun, Plein Air Invitational, Huse Gallery
2014 Easton Plein Air, Easton, MD
2014 6" Squared Group Show at Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2013 NWSA Group Show at Copperwood Artware Gallery, Orange, CA
2013 Springtime Magic Group Art Show & Sale, Crystal Cove Alliance, Newport Coast, CA
2013 LPAPA Less is More Group Art Show at Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2013 Viewpoints, Scenes of OC Group Art Show at Chemers Gallery, Tustin, CA
2013 A Breath of Fresh Air Art Show and Sale, Crystal Cove Alliance, Newport Coast, CA
2013 LPAPA Best of Plein Air Group Art Show at Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2013 Slippery When Wet Group Art Show, Crystal Cove Alliance, Newport Coast, CA
2013 Easton Plein Air, Easton, MD
2013 Sonoma Plein Air Festival, Sonoma, CA
2013 Laguna Plein Air Invitational, Laguna Beach, CA
2013 6" Squared Group Show at Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2013 Holiday Treasures Group Art Show at Debra Huse Gallery, Newport Beach, CA
2012 NWSA Group Show at Copperwood Artware Gallery, Orange, CA
2012 Laguna Plein Air Painters Assoc. Best of Plein Air
2012 Southern California Plein Air Painters Back Bay Art Show & Sale
2012 Sonoma Plein Air Festival, Sonoma, CA

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2012 Solo Exhibit, Copperwood Artware Gallery, Orange, CA
2012 6" Squared Group Show at Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2012 Holiday Treasures Group Art Show at Debra Huse Gallery, Newport Beach, CA
2011 NWSA Group Show at Copperwood Artware Gallery, Orange, CA
2011 6" Squared Group Show at Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2011 Salon International at Greenhouse Gallery
2011 Sonoma Plein Air Festival, Sonoma, CA
2011 San Luis Obispo Plein Air Festival, San Luis Obispo, CA
2011 Tustin Plein Air Festival, Tustin, CA
2010 NWSA Group Show at Copperwood Artware Gallery, Orange, CA
2010 6" Squared Group Show at Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2009 NWSA Group Show at Copperwood Artware Gallery, Orange, CA
2009 Orange Open Group Art Show, Guggenheim Gallery, Orange, CA