

Ron Andrews

A trained physicist, Ron Andrews is a self-taught artist, living and working in Palo Alto, California. Since retiring and taking up art 'seriously' in 2000, he has quickly established himself as a stunning water media artist, his work frequently exhibited, and featuring in the 2010 publication, International Contemporary Artists vol.1 In a portfolio offering portraits, figurative work, abstract and more, it is Ron's landscape paintings that tell the true story of his artistic endeavors.

If Ron Andrew's art is, as he states, "... an expression of [my] inner feelings inspired by nature", then clearly, Ron is an artist with a deep love for the earth, for all around him. Whilst his work expresses a desire to embrace the natural beauty of our planet, perhaps the sweeping majesty of a mountain range or the grandeur of a forest, that expression is achieved with a love and respect for the microcosmic beauty of nature, no doubt gleaned from Ron's past career.

The abstract nature of Ron's landscapes can both capture the scene, the quality of light, of earth, of the emotion it draws from the viewer, but also they draw upon deep emotions that we perhaps all have for the beauty of a natural terrain.

The images Ron Creates are geographically limitless, in that each of them can take us to a place in our own memories, our experiences of our own environment. Furthermore, despite the oft used phrase 'contemporary', this work is timeless, in a very real, very true sense, evoking emotions in us that can probably never change, despite our ever changing, ever troubled planet.

Even in his portraiture, Ron Andrews brings to the work an earthy quality, whether in his inevitable adoption of a natural palette, or his rugged textures, or the spontaneous organized chaos that each of his pieces offers, emulating that indisputably common aspect of all nature.

That being said, there is a distinct peace to this work. Where we see chaos, we *accept* that chaos. It is as it should be. When Ron paints, he says his worries and stress just disappear. You can feel that when you look at his paintings, and perhaps enjoy a little of that inner peace, yourself.

Ron is a member of the California Watercolor Association, the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society, and he is also Vice President of the Pacific Art League of Palo Alto and a Board member of Silicon Valley Open Studios.

He has opening this year in the International Society of Experimental Artists 20th Annual Exhibition, at the Triton Museum (Santa Clara, CA) Midsummer Art Fest, and also in the Santa Cruz Art League Earth Portraits: Contemporary Landscapes 81st Annual Exhibition.

Ron Andrew's work can currently be enjoyed in an ongoing Open Studio Exhibition at Gallery House in Palo Alto, and at www.artisticallyconnected.com/ronsart