

# Diane Cornish

## *Celebration of a Journey*

*Exhibit through March 26, 2011*



Diane Cornish was born in Chicago, Illinois, and at an early age exhibited artistic tendencies: no surface was safe from Crayola markings! Her nomadic childhood carried her through the countryside's of Arizona, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and eventually Colorado. Diane lives in Castle Rock, Colorado, with her husband, a Himalayan cat, a border collie, and a cockatiel. She has three grown children and one granddaughter who studies art at the University of San Francisco.

Diane has a Bachelor of Science degree in art education and a Masters' degree in painting with a secondary degree in ceramics. Her unusual and rich careers include: political cartoonist and courtroom artist for The News Press of Douglas Count; Ollie the Clown; general manager/chef at the Sunbonnet Restaurant in Castle Rock; and 28 years as a public school art teacher. She is always an eager student willing to experiment and anxious to explore, and searches continually for the perfect place, style and the truths behind the journey.

Diane is amazed by the cultural similarities she finds throughout her travels and within the people who inspire her to paint: the islands with their ancient secrets; the ocean with its serene fierceness; the American Southwest with its stark beauty; and the golden hills of Umbria with its romantic temperament. Paintings of sleeping family members and friends surrounded by images of petroglyphs depicting their personalities continue to fascinate and challenge Diane. Two of her latest pieces depict her parents in the 1920's and 30's in sepia tones and their personal handwritten letters in the background.

Diane paints on watercolor canvas as well as paper. She is comfortable painting both en plein air and in her studio located in the Tri Lake Center for the Arts in Palmer Lake: her paintings and ceramic works are for sale in the Center's gift shop. Diane's watercolor paintings belong to private collectors throughout the country, and are on display in several businesses in Castle Rock and surrounding areas.