

Chiricahua
GALLERY

DAWN O'HARA-AERTS
PAINTER

Dawn O'Hara-Aerts is a semi-retired features writer/photographer and current visual artist who resides in Bayfield, Wisc., and winters in Rodeo. Over the past 30 years she has shared her passion for the arts by developing art/theater programs for children; community projects to promote the greater arts community and guiding fundraisers for artist-based organizations in Hudson, Wisc.; Stillwater, Minn., and Cedar City, Utah.

She studied oil painting with well-known California artist, Zola, in the 1970's, and has since explored a variety of mediums from pastels to acrylic painting. As a military family, she and husband Jerry called Minnesota; Augusta, Ga; and Gulf Shores, Ala., home before settling in Silver City, New Mexico in 2006; and Rodeo in 2010. They are currently residents of Rodeo for the 'second' time.

Their many adventures in Europe, Ireland and Israel has led her to re-explore a variety of mediums with bold subject matter that relies on the magical effects of watercolor and imagination. Over the past year, they continue to finish work on their 'forever' Rodeo house with plans for an art-studio offering workshops. Her acrylic and watercolor work can be found on the Authentic Superior website-gallery; custom character-portraits are available by appointment.

