



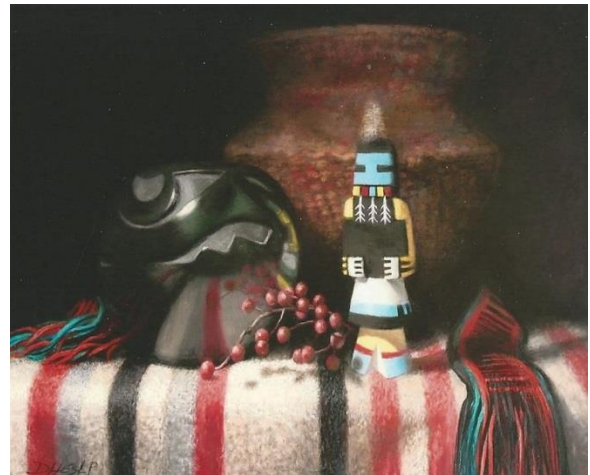
Donna is a life-long artist, selling commissioned animal portraits when she was a teenager in Nebraska. She received her B.A. in art education from Hastings College to pursue a career as a professional educator. A few years prior to retiring in 2004, she returned to her art and was soon earning awards and selling her art.

The inspiration for Donna's current series of still lifes developed as she toured New Mexico's Taos and Acoma Sky City Pueblos. As she learned of their ageless dedication to maintaining their ancient cultures, she did further research in the museums of Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

Each still life set-up features relationships through the language of shape, texture, line, patterns of color, and dramatic contrast of light and dark. Ms. Heslip says, "My hope is that the viewer will join me in an appreciation for ancient cultures that remain vibrant today."



Oil Painting "An Age of Peace" Donna Heslip



Pastel, "Messenger for the People," Donna Heslip

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