

Wickenburg Art Club Biography

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My favorite medium at the moment is sculpture in one or more of the following: steel, stone, ceramic, and plastic. I say “at the moment” because I tend to be passionate about one media for a few years and then I get bored and need to try something new. Recent, but past, favorites have been photography and digital painting.

I have had no art training. Instead, I spend hundreds of hours studying the work of other artists. I have little desire to learn how they do their work; I want to figure that out for myself. I am however, very interested in learning what they are thinking while they are working and I try to imagine what might give them the motivation to do that work.

My motivation is to be successful at something new. Since I don't pay attention to how other artists create their work, everything I try is new. So, that meets half of the motivation criteria. “Successful” is the more challenging part. For me to be successful, I need only to make myself happy. Sometimes when my work makes me happy, it also makes others happy; a bonus.

The Bio Form asks “What do you consider your greatest accomplishment to date?” I have obsessed for hours taking a photograph of a single subject and I have taken thousands of that kind of image. But, I have only a single enlarged image on the wall in my home. I'm happy every time I look at that image. So, perhaps that is a great accomplishment. When I completed my first sculpture, I naively took it to a Marshal Way Scottsdale gallery. They were excited to display it along with a companion piece. Some might consider that an accomplishment but I was never really happy with the pieces and I have nearly forgotten the whole experience. Bizarre, eh?

Whatever media I choose to explore, my subject will always be the desert and its animals, plants, and rocks. Why, because that's what makes me happy!