

Susan Szajer

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Bio

Susan is a full-time studio artist currently living in Santa Fe, NM. She works in two mediums, fiber and painting. One influences the other.

Susan grew up in Chicago and attended Saturday school classes at the Art Institute where her father was an instructor and received a B.S. from Northwestern University. Once married, she moved with her husband to New York where she travelled the east coast, exhibiting her work at various national art fairs, winning both Best of Show and People's Choice Awards. As her reputation for fine art developed, she participated in solo and group shows in private and commercial galleries.

Moving to New Mexico in 2005, Susan stopped travelling and opened a gallery in Silver City to sell her work. She dyed fabric for her textile pieces and painted her canvases, each an individual experience. The dyed fabric had a fixed palette, the paintings a fluid palette.

Susan returned to her studio full time to concentrate on painting her fabric with this fluid palette instead of dyeing it, and created a series of whole cloth quilts, essentially paintings on fabric. These quilts were accepted into national exhibits across the country. Her new dimensional work using this painted fabric was included in two invitational 3D textile exhibits at the Capitol Rotunda Gallery in Santa Fe and is awaiting a new exhibit in the same space in 2021.

In the past year, Susan has concentrated on painting large New Mexico landscapes and miniature abstract paintings on paper, presented in her individual style. She is represented by galleries in Madrid, NM and Durango, CO.