

MELISSA BARTLETT has been working in pastels professionally for 15 years, and is known for her vibrant and intense colors.

“I try to capture the subtle effects of light and color of the New Mexico landscape, animals and flowers. My style is impressionistic and I attempt to evoke an emotional response rather than strive for photographic realism,” says Melissa.



She is also known for her wonderful animal portraits and gets commissions from all over the USA. “I LOVE doing animals. They have such great expressions and character! Besides all that fur looks fabulous in pastel” she laughs.

In addition to having work published in books, newspapers and magazines, Melissa is also co-author and illustrator of the book *What All Good Dogs Should Know*. She has exhibited at the LA Studio Tour, The Pastel Society of New Mexico, International Exhibition of Animals In Art, and is the founder of the Three Artists Holiday Art Show in Los Alamos. She teaches classes at the Art Center at Fuller Lodge.

Melissa views all art as a learning process, and enjoys utilizing creative accidents when they happen. To see more of her work, go to her website at www.melissabartlett.com.



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