



About the Artist Sue Betanzos

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With over 20 years of professional art experience and a degree in graphic design Sue Betanzos' artistic pursuits have gained her a reputation for her innovative designs and creative versatility. A former graphic designer for the United States Air Force, she has traveled the world assimilating a multitude of cultural and artistic languages.

In Tucson Arizona Sue's art career includes mural work for interior residences, illustration, design for private and commercial clients and public art. She has been a featured artist for the Tucson SAHBA home show and a guest on the KVOA morning show and has been periodically featured on news and radio as well as feature home and pet publications.

San Diego Zoo in California, in partnership with Starbucks Coffee, selected Sues' wildlife illustration of the baby panda Hua Mei for a limited collector's edition of coffee tumblers to promote the San Diego Zoo endangered wildlife program. The Tucson public art project Ponies Del Pueblo featured Sues' talent thru Philabaum Glass Studio. The mirror pony Narcisco can be seen at www.poniesdelpueblo.com

The public art commission was awarded by the Port of San Diego for a mixed media mosaic to be installed at the Seaport Village. The project, incorporating mosaic, reverse glass painting and fine art painting, depicts a colorful glass mosaic sea turtle feeding in the local kelp beds.

The Tucson International Airport public art commission features four engaging mosaic murals incorporating natural agates and fossils, glass, and reverse glass painting and acrylic mural painting. Four areas were selected at baggage claim level outside each restroom. Each is different and one has a legend in English, Spanish. Additional public artworks can be seen at Tucson, AZ East side City Hall in the forms of indoor murals and outdoor mosaics.

Sue has instructed at The Sonoran Glass Academy, Tubac Art Center, and STAR Academic Academy. Her reverse glass paintings and mixed media mosaics have been exhibited at the Tucson Sonoran Desert Museum Ironwood Gallery, DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun, Tohono Chul Park and Tucson Botanical Gardens. Sue is also published with Tucson Botanical Gardens for illustrations for a bilingual children's book, My Backyard Friends, as well as completing additional commissioned art and design projects.

