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The Good Life: C. Munson Art Studio



Our all-time favorite local wildlife artist is Cathy Munson. Cathy is an Austin native and Honors Graduate in Studio Art from The University of Texas. Cathy was selected as one of six featured dog artists in April 2008 Southwest Art Magazine. Her painting "This Dog Can Hunt!" was selected as the 2011 Texas Ducks Unlimited Sponsor Print. Cathy was also selected Sponsor Print Artist in 1999.

Cathy truly puts her heart into each painting. Her specialty is a true labor of love as it is her intent to portray the realistic outer image as well as the

special inner spirit of the subject. She is able to capture the personality of each animal she paints.

Cathy's art has gained national recognition through numerous competitions and exhibitions and also as a member of the Women Artists of the West. Adding to the recognition and popularity of Cathy's artwork is her being widely known for her featured cover art and commissions for the University of Texas athletic projects and publications. She has painted portraits of the last five UT longhorn mascots (Bevo) which were printed as collectors limited editions. The original portraits are on permanent display at the Silver Spurs Bevo Museum at the UT football stadium. The artist's life size "Hoofbeats of Champions" mural of stampeding longhorns was commissioned for the Mike Myers Track and Soccer Stadium at UT. Her painting "Legacy of Champions" was commissioned for the athletic suits at the UT baseball stadium and features three Bevo mascots from the past, present and future.

Cathy is a signature member of Women Artists of the West, the Wyoming Watercolor Society, the Texas Watercolor Society, the Louisiana Watercolor Society, the Arizona Art Alliance, and the Arizona Watercolor Association and the Texas Wild Bunch. She has studied with master artists Robert Abbett, Joseph Bohler, Mort Solberg and Ray Vinella.

You can visit Cathy at her working studio and gallery at 3319 Hancock Drive by appointment. To reach the artist you can call her at (512) 454-9100 or email at <u>cmunsonstudio@sbcglobal.net</u>.