

Helen Gwinn

Helen Gwinn considers herself a native New Mexican although she was born in Texas. She attended public schools & graduated from high school in Carlsbad. During her college years & early adulthood, she lived in various places in Texas,



returning to New Mexico in 1978. Helen's art, expressed in watercolor, embossing & collage, reflect her life, including her love for the flora of the desert where she lives. For example, her "Rock Concert Series" created mainly in watercolor, contains images ranging from

nearly white boulders in the desert to colorful river rocks punctuated by wildflowers & cactus. To her, cactus plants represent survival & exquisite beauty in harsh environments. "I have favorite cacti," she says, "which I have watched & have been inspired by the seasons of their lives & mine. I consider them old friends."



For Helen, art & the daily routines of living are integral parts of a whole. Since her first child left home for college, one of the routines of her life has been letter writing. A whole series of art pieces, 70 to date, has developed along with this meaningful aspect of communicating.

