

Sandy Ligon

I have had a life-long interest in animals & nature. I live up in the Sandia Mountains, close to a lot of birds, coyotes, bobcats & bears. At one time, I looked out of my window & saw five black bears in my apple trees!



I taught Biology at the University of New Mexico for twenty-five years. My husband David (an ornithologist) & I lived in Kenya for over two years, while studying the behavior of a cooperative bird there, the Green Woodhoopoe.



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I have been working with clay as a hobby since the early 70s, but turned to animal sculpture about 12 years ago. This is my niche!



My favorite subjects are large African mammals, such as hippos, lions, elephants & giraffes. I think that my experiences in Africa, watching these creatures up close in the wild & my background as a Biologist, have added to my ability to capture the essence & sometimes the humor of these animals.



I enjoy working on bears, who have an awful lot of personality & I have just begun working on bird pieces, Ravens. They are indeed the smartest of the avian species. My pieces are currently showing at Weems Galleries & Framing. I have had pieces in the New Mexico State Fair, as well as galleries in Albuquerque & Santa Fe, New Mexico.