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## Cindy Welch Biography

Cindy Welch is a Colorado native. She had a love of art at an early age and won many awards in grade school, middle school and at Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver. Among those awards was a full tuition scholarship to Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design where she majored in Commercial Art. She had the opportunity to try many different mediums in art school but had a special affinity for watercolor.

After graduating in 1984 she worked at a Denver design studio called Visual Images for two years. Her strength was in layout and design and she also had the opportunity to work with pen and ink and airbrush. She worked with several local home builders creating architectural renderings in pen & ink and watercolor. After running a successful freelance graphic design business for several years and raising 3 daughters, she started painting again with watercolor in 2010. She painted just for fun and a love of the medium.

"I love the exciting surprises of watercolor. Mingling colors, the mixing of water and paint, pouring, masking. There's always something new. My passion is color and making the image more exciting to the viewer with vibrant hues while still maintaining realism"

Cindy also has a passion for photography and loves to paint from her own photographs of nature. "When I am outside with my camera, I see paintings everywhere." She is best known for her images of local scenery and historic buildings, but she finds inspiration in many subjects including flowers and reflective surfaces. Her work is in many private collections including Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, Douglas County Veteran's Foundation, Cherokee Ranch & Castle Foundation and Castle Rock Bank. She was recognized nationally in the books "Splash 17" in 2016 and again in "Splash 20" in 2018, featuring the best of watercolor from around the world. She was featured in the 2017 International Watermedia Show, the 2018 Colorado Watercolor Society State Exhibition and the 45th Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition. She is a member of the Colorado Watercolor Society, Pikes Peak Watercolor Society and the Parker Art Guild. She is currently a featured artist at Boulder Street Gallery in Colorado Springs, CO. You can see the entire Cindy Welch Collection at [www.CindyWelchDesign.com](http://www.CindyWelchDesign.com).

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### Profile

I had a love of art from a very young age. My first recognition came at the age of 6 when I won a coloring contest for the Del Monte Food Company and was awarded a dozen cases of pudding. I continued with art and won many awards in Jr. High and High school including a poster contest for local concert promoter, Feyline. I was a full tuition scholarship recipient at Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design in 1982 where I went on to major in Commercial art. My strength was in graphic design but I also loved illustration in pen and ink, airbrush, pencil, acrylic and watercolor. I went to work for a design studio in Denver for two years before starting my own business in freelance graphic design. My client list included Coors, Kraft Foods, Sea Fans Magazine, High Prairie Farms, NTT, PAC and more. I raised 3 daughters and it wasn't until 2007 that I started to paint in watercolor again. I paint purely for fun and a love of the medium, but it's very gratifying and humbling when others enjoy and purchase my work.

### Education

- Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design  
Full Tuition Scholarship Recipient - 1982 - 1984
- Professional Workshops from instructors including Julie Gilbert-Pollard, Pam Hostetler, Paul Valdez, Ken Hosmer, Buffalo Kaplinski & Tom Lynch.

### Skills

Graphic Design, Advertising and Sales, Publishing, Web Design and Operation, Painting, Drawing

### Website -

[www.CindyWelchDesign.com](http://www.CindyWelchDesign.com)  
[www.CastleRockArtist.com](http://www.CastleRockArtist.com)

### Memberships

- Colorado Watercolor Society
- Greater Castle Rock Art Guild
- Pikes Peak Watercolor Society
- Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce

### Exhibitions

- Front Range Art Showcase - 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Court the Arts - 2014, 2015, 2016
- GCRAAG Americana Show - 2014
- GCRAAG Romancing the Arts - 2015
- Colorado Watercolor Society Show 2015
- Lone Tree Arts Center, Commissioner's Choice Show, 2016
- Cherokee Ranch & Castle, Featured Artist, 2016
- Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, Healing Arts Solo Show, 2016
- 2017 International Watermedia Show, 2017

### Honors & Awards

- NAP Front Range Art Showcase, 2011 - 1st Place
- U.S. Commerce Association -  
Best of 2012, Advertising & Design
- NAP Front Range Art Showcase, 2014 - People's Choice Award & Honorable Mention
- GCRAAG Romancing the Arts, 2015 - People's Choice Award
- NAP Front Range Art Showcase, 2015 - Honorable Mention
- Juror - Colorado 4th Congressional District 2016 Art Competition
- Colorado Artfest at Castle Rock, 2016 - 2nd Place, Watercolor

### Galleries

- Art on the Edge, Castle Rock, CO
- Colorado Art & Framing, Castle Rock, CO
- Gallery 218, Castle Rock, CO

### Private Collectors

- Douglas County Veteran's Foundation, Castle Rock, CO
- Cedar Hill Cemetery, Castle Rock, CO
- Castle Cafe, Castle Rock, CO
- Augustine Grill, Castle Rock, CO
- The Barn, Castle Rock, CO
- Castle Rock Bank, Castle Rock, CO
- Vintage Car Club of Castle Rock, CO
- Cherokee Ranch & Castle, Sedalia, CO

### Publications

- Featured article in the Colorado Community Media's Castle Rock News-Press, October 9, 2014
- Featured Article in the Denver Post, October 9, 2014
- Featured Artist in the book **Splash 17**, The Best of Watercolor from across the country, 2016
- Southwest Art Magazine, July, 2016
- Southwest Art Magazine, February, 2017



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### Artist Statement

Beautiful color and water! What could be more exciting! I enjoyed painting with watercolor in art school in my teens. However, I majored in graphic design and didn't paint again until I re-discovered my love of it in 2007. Having worked with a number of different medium, I found watercolor to be the most exciting and challenging. Mingling colors, mixing of water and paint, pouring and masking. There's always something new to discover. It's hard to control which is part of the fun . . . the outcome can be a total surprise! I paint from my own photographs of nature and local scenes. My passion is color and creating an image more exciting to the viewer with beautiful hues while maintaining a sense of realism. The image must be something that stirs an emotion or a memory for me, and hopefully, for my viewers.

Recently I've focused on local images of Colorado and specifically, my hometown of Castle Rock. I choose an interesting and different perspective of the subject while being conscious of good composition and placement of darks and lights. I usually paint a small black and white value study before starting the final painting. Sometimes I also do a small color study.

I continue to push my expression with color and freshness while showing an adoration for the subject. I would like to challenge myself with more reflective surfaces such as glass, metal, and water.