

It's all about Color

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Linda Pullinsi, Phoenix

Pullinsi is an artist and educator. She has taught art privately to children and adults for many years and around the Valley at Paradise Valley Community College, Scottsdale Artists' School and Shemer Art Center and Museum. She has been a volunteer with Free Arts of Arizona for the past eighteen years and enjoys sharing and seeing the healing effects the arts have on abused and neglected children. She received a Governor's Award in 2011 for being an Outstanding Mentor and is a juried member of the Arizona Watercolor Association. Pullinsi's work has been featured in Phoenix Magazine and the Arizona Republic. She is represented by Esprit Décor in Phoenix.

Pullinsi says of her work, *"I was born an artist, always being excited at the beauty of nature, and copying what I saw. As I evolved, I began to paint looser, more stylized paintings. I create in multiple layers of archival watercolors on paper and brilliant acrylics & oils on canvas. The fish series abstracts nature and invites the viewer into the painting to splash playfully with the colors and contrasts. The artistic elements of texture, gesture, color, value and scale form a dynamic relationship with each other. These paintings are about freedom and joy."*

Of the comparison between her work and Sokol's, Pullinsi says: *"I think it's easy to see that Dawn and I are both colorists. I love that you can glimpse the layers in her paintings, and the words invite you to bring your own emotions to the piece. We both have a joyfulness to our paintings and I was excited to see that we both are passionate about getting others to express themselves creatively."*

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Dawn DeVries Sokol, Tempe

Sokol earned a Bachelor's degree in journalism from Arizona State University in 1992 and has expanded from editing and designing layouts for newspapers, magazines and books to authoring books in recent years. Her articles about art journaling and doodling have appeared in *Cloth Paper Scissors*, *Pages* magazine, *Art Journaling Exposed* and *Somerset Studio's Art Journaling*. She's also shot a DVD workshop called *Art Journaling: Pages in Stages* with Interweave Press and taught an online Art Journaling workshop for *Creativebug.com*. In 2012, Sokol was commissioned to paint a utility box and design a library card for The City of Tempe. Currently she is looking forward to the publication of her next book *A World of Artist Journal Pages* in April 2015 with STC Craft.

Sokol says, *"I explore topics close to my heart with bright palettes of acrylic, watercolor, graphite, ink, spray paint, collage and crayon. Pop culture influences my art every day. I've always loved type and fonts, so words and phrases tend to pop up in my paintings often. Working on wood panels and on journal pages, my current focus and fascination is experimenting with more abstract and graffiti-inspired artwork."*

Sokol says of the comparison with Pullinsi's work, *"Linda and I connect through our love of color. Her abstracts are wonderful explosions of expression and contain a melody of movement. While I use text and whimsy in my paintings, Linda's peaceful flow of color evokes calm and presence. We both feel strongly about inspiring others and strive to do so through our paintings and creative teaching pursuits."*

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