

**Rikki Reinholz**

Rikki's Studio

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An Interior Designer in San Diego for 35 years, Rikki Reinholz took her first watercolor class in 1985. She combines her talent as a designer, artist and teacher with her love of watercolor. She is the owner of Rikki's Studio (formerly the Studio of Art and Design) in Solana Beach. The Studio is a watercolor gallery and classroom where she teaches classes and hosts workshops and gallery exhibits. Rikki has promoted watercolor painting and exhibits by local artists for the past 11 years.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Southern California and graduate work at the University of Tennessee in Gatlinberg, she taught art at the secondary level in Los Angeles City School system.

Rikki teaches transparent watercolor and uses only Windsor Newton primary colors, Arches 140 lb Cold Press paper and a #14 round brush. Her paintings are bold and exhibit strong color and value patterns.

She has is known for her paintings of persimmons and pomegranates. Rikki has taken workshops from Jeanne Dobie, Mary Baumgartner, Arne Westerman, Charles Reid, Cheng Khee Chee, Henry Fukahara, Donna Zagotta, to name a few, and many of our wonderful local teachers such as Rich Hawk, Michelle Abrams, Claire Lise Anderegg and Joan McKasson.

Rikki lives in Carlsbad, except for the month of August, when for the past 31 years, she and a fellow artist retreat to the Russian River in Northern California. She lives in a tent with no electricity, no cell phone and no computer, just lots of champagne, good books and plenty of painting time. This is when she completes the bulk of her watercolors for exhibits for the following year.

She is a Signature member of SDWS and WFWS and has been juried 2 times into Watercolor West and serves the Watercolor West board

Her work can be seen on her web site [www.rikki-studio.com](http://www.rikki-studio.com)