

# Artist of the Month

## Saschja Marseguerra



I have worked as a professional painter in the Monterey Peninsula for 35 years. My background includes commercial and commissioned work in ceramics, canvas, and murals. My inspirations are varied. Since childhood, I have loved nature and spent many happy days outdoors. As an avid hiker, I often travel to the mountains or desert, which has influenced me to paint flower portraits on stone tiles for display or installations.

In my canvas work series, "Dreams Can Come True," I interpreted fantasy stories that my mother read me at bedtime. This series is a tribute to her and has been a fabulous journey of memory for me. I have always loved classical art and have been inspired by the Masters. Early in my career, I emulated some of my favorites, especially Botticelli, Bouguereau, and Michelangelo. I painted some of these on marble and stone tiles and installed them in my home.

I also love to share my talents and insights by teaching painting and ceramics to children and adults, including watercolor, Sumi-e, and overglaze enamel.