

About the Artist Sue Betanzos

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With many years of professional art experience and a degree in graphic design Sue Betanzos' artistic pursuits have gained her a reputation for her innovative designs and creative versatility. A former graphic designer for the United States Air Force, she has traveled the world assimilating a multitude of cultural and artistic languages.

In Tucson Arizona Sue's art career includes mural work for interior residences, illustration, design for private and commercial clients and public art.

The Tucson International Airport public art commission features four engaging mosaic murals incorporating natural agates and fossils, glass, and reverse glass painting and acrylic mural painting. Four areas were selected at baggage claim level outside each restroom. Each is different and one site illustrates a native folktale, Coyote and Bluebird, with the story in English and Spanish.

Additional public artworks are at Tucson, AZ East side City Hall in the forms of indoor murals and outdoor mosaics.

In her home town of San Diego CA, a public art commissioned by the Port of San Diego is installed at Seaport Village. The art project depicts a colorful glass mosaic sea turtle feeding in the local kelp beds in a picnic area.

San Diego Zoo in California, in partnership with Starbucks Coffee, selected Sues' wildlife illustration of the baby panda Hua Mei for a limited collector's edition of coffee tumblers to promote the San Diego Zoo endangered wildlife program.

Her reverse glass paintings and glass mosaics have been exhibited at the Sonoran Desert Museum Ironwood Gallery, DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun, Tohono Chul Park, Tucson International Airport Galleries and Tucson Botanical Gardens.

Sue has collaborated with the lovely Tucson Botanical Gardens for a bilingual children's book, My Backyard Friends, which can be enjoyed through the Pima County Library system.