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Meet the Artists of The Valley

Gorgeous Carson Valley, Nevada, is Home and Inspiration to Fine Artists

CARSON VALLEY (July 1, 2021) – Carson Valley, Nevada, is a scenic location where American West history, breathtaking landscapes, abundant wildlife and rich traditions congregate. Both nationally acclaimed and emerging artists are drawn to the legendary valley to find their muse. Carson Valley is also home to a flourishing arts scene with galleries of various varieties in its four communities of Gardnerville, Minden, Genoa and Topaz Lake.



"Trail's Reward" by Charles Muench

While Carson Valley is home to many fine artists, sculptors, painters and photographers, here are just a few to explore:

Charles Muench

Charles Muench is a nationally recognized Carson Valley oil painter, having studied under the instruction of renowned artists across the globe. Muench has been awarded by national events, exhibitions and magazines for his portrait, landscape, still life, heritage and American art works. Muench's western art hangs in the permanent collection of the historic California Club and other museums. Muench's artwork is a breathtaking representation of the Sierra Nevada seasons, landscapes, lifestyles, light and rhythms. For more about the artist, visit www.charlesmuench.com.



"Dusky Day" by Mark Tompkins ©Nevada Artists Association

Mark Tompkins

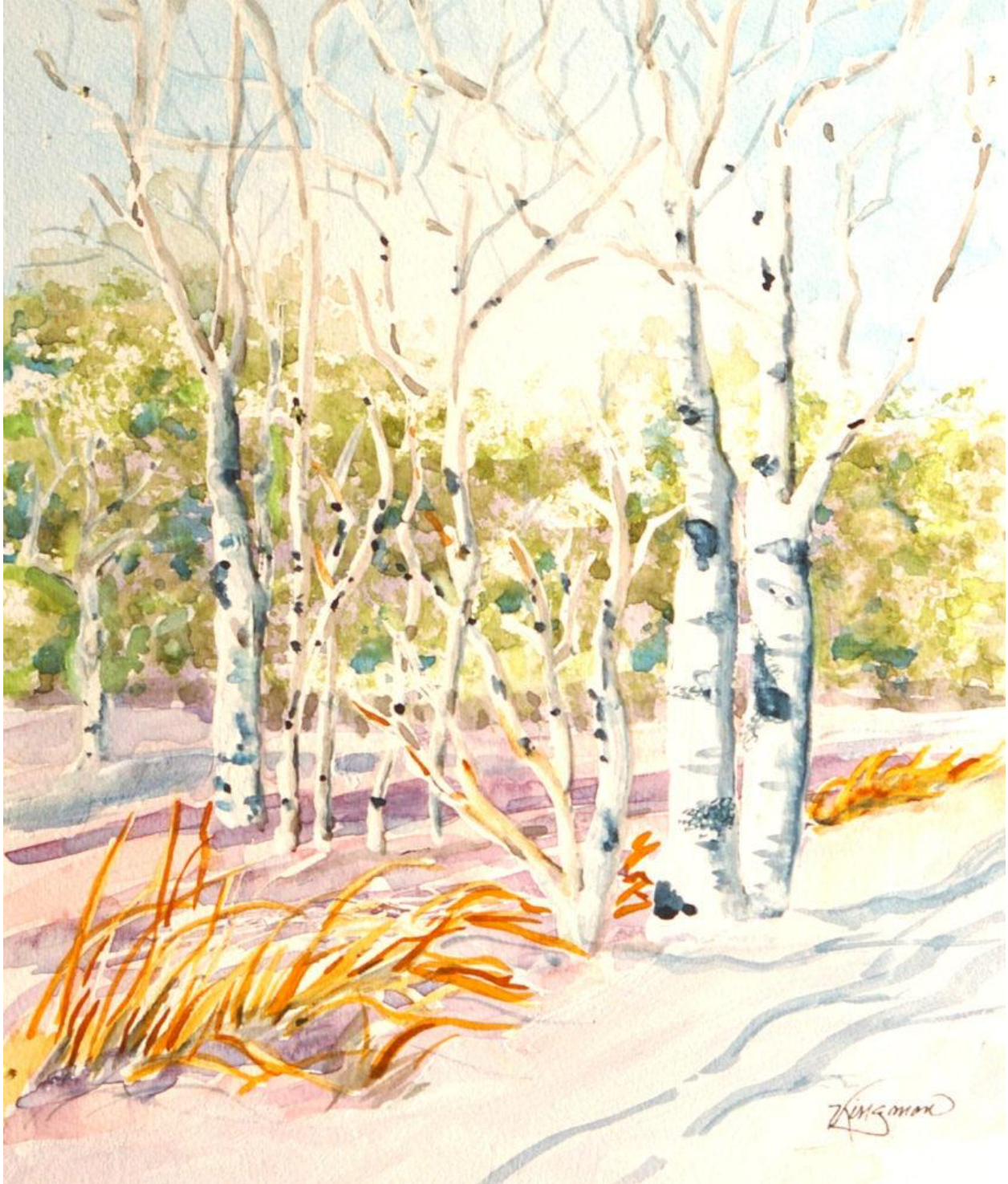
Mark Tompkins' artistic journey started in Los Angeles where he grew up in a creative household and studied at the Art Center College of Design. He worked initially as a graphic artist. After moving to Carson Valley, Tompkins was influenced by the Sierra landscape and began painting in oil, watercolor and acrylic. Tompkins teaches painting to adults and children at the Western Nevada College, Parks and Recreation and through his own workshops. Tompkins most enjoys painting wildlife, landscapes and portraits. His award-winning work emulates the beauty of Carson Valley's natural setting and inspires many regional artists. Tompkins' work can be seen at the [East Fork Galley](#) in Gardnerville and shows at the [Nevada Artists Association](#).



Michael J. Corona painting ©Carson Valley Art Center

Michael J. Corona

Michael Corona is an oil, acrylic and mural painter who approaches art as an emotional outlet. Corona was born in Southern California where he trained at the Los Angeles Institute of Art and worked at Warner Bros with credits in feature animations. Corona now resides in Carson Valley where he is influenced by a lifetime of experiences and travels. His paintings are beautiful, meaningful and capture what he sees in Carson Valley and beyond. Corona's work can be seen at the [Carson Valley Art Center](#) where, along with Deborah Corona, he offers continuing arts education.

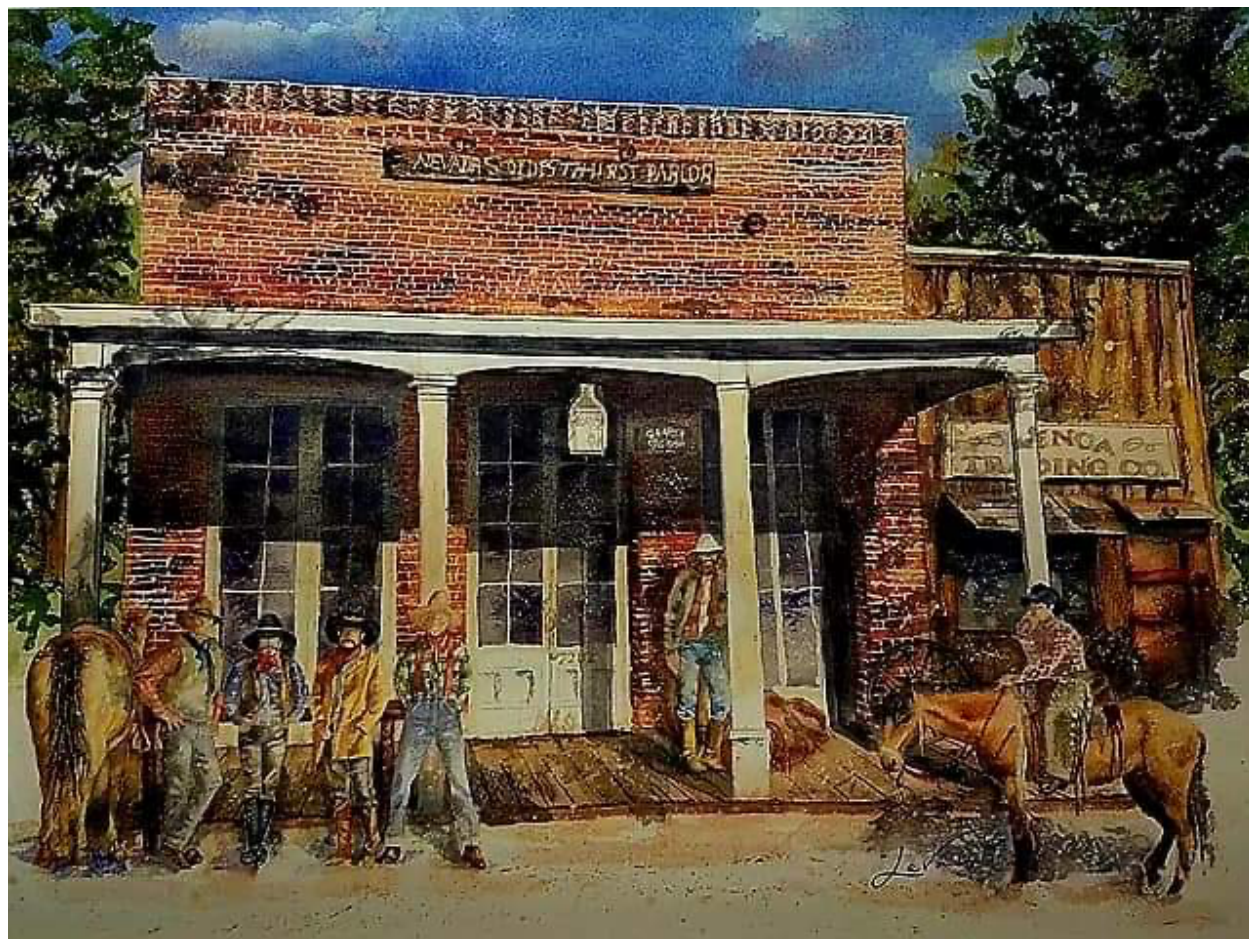


"Snowy Aspen" by Vickie Kingman ©Nevada Artists Association

Vickie Kingman

Vickie Kingman is a Carson Valley watercolor and oil painting artist with a creative career that started as a vocalist. Before moving to Gardnerville, Kingman lived in South Lake Tahoe where she sang on the M.S. Dixie and at the Top of the Wheel at Harveys. Kingman has since developed her painting skills and works predominantly in watercolor. She also teaches painting and enjoys sharing the magic of painting and

the abundance of Carson Valley's beauty. Kingman's work can be seen at the [Nevada Artists Association](#) and at Carson Valley gallery exhibits.



"Waterin Hole - Genoa Bar" by La Vonne La Tulip Vasick

La Vonne La Tulip Vasick

La Vonna La Tulip Vasick is a versatile watercolor painter of unique impressionist landscapes, flora and wildlife. Vasick's home studio overlooks Carson Valley where the textures, atmosphere, lifestyle and mood of both the ranching community and High Sierra influence her art. Vasick's work captures the region's history, wildlife and lifestyle and has been featured on the covers of national publications and regional festival programs. Vasick's work can be seen at the [Art Gallery at Prism](#) in Minden.

To see these and other professional artists' work, explore the Carson Valley's many galleries. The [Copeland Gallery](#) in Minden recently reopened, featuring local artist Margie Leslie through July 30, 2021. For a fun and interactive experience, visitors can follow the [Carson Valley Arts & Antiques Trail](#), which showcases Carson Valley's art museums, galleries, antiques and more.

For further information on arts in Carson Valley, check out the Carson Valley Arts Council, the designated Local Arts Agency of the area. Their website, [CVArtsCouncil.com](#), includes local events, news and programs relating to the arts. The organization will sponsor a [Carson Valley Art Studio Tour](#) Oct. 8-10, 2021, a three-day celebration of Carson Valley's arts and artists. The weekend highlights live music, studio tours, live demonstrations and discussions about art in and around the valley.

For more information on Carson Valley or to plan a trip, go to [VisitCarsonValley.org](https://www.visitcarsonvalley.org)

About Carson Valley:

Nestled at the base of the Sierra, Carson Valley begs visitors to not just drive through it, but to it. Located 45 miles south of Reno-Tahoe International Airport and 12 miles east of South Lake Tahoe, the region's natural beauty is legendary: wide-open farms, ranches, bands of wild horses and birds of prey dot the landscape. Outdoor recreation enthusiasts follow all points of the compass with more than 50+ miles of hiking, mountain biking or walking trails along with world class road biking. The valley's museums, arts, antiquing, Basque dining, historic watering holes and more add to the destination's authentic culture. The region includes the communities of Minden, Gardnerville, Topaz Lake and Genoa, Nevada's first settlement dating back to 1851. Explore the land of everyday legends at [VisitCarsonValley.org](https://www.visitcarsonvalley.org).

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