

When someone asks me when I first developed an interest in becoming an artist, I like to say, "When I fell off the mountain!"

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It's a real conversation starter! In 2000, while hiking in the mountains around Tucson, a misstep resulted in a broken ankle, requiring surgery. This necessitated that I be off my feet for weeks. One can only read and watch so much TV. We were living in the apartments across from the Catalinas and I had a beautiful unobstructed view of the mountains. I did a lot of mountain gazing. When Bob, my husband, would ask what I was doing, I would always tell him, "I'm waiting for the mountain to do something." One day he came home and dropped some colored pencils and a sketchbook in my lap and said, "The mountains won't do anything, but you can."



After I was put into a walking cast and able to get around by myself, I

ventured to Unity of Tucson to check out their bookstore. Serendipitously, the Tucson Colored Pencil Artists' Association was hanging a showing in the church foyer. I began talking to one of the women hanging the drawings. When I expressed my interest in this medium, she invited me to their Tuesday meetings. I told her I only drew stick people and she said, "Come and learn." I took her up on her offer and thus began my career .



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