

# ELLIE WEAKLEY

## B I O G R A P H Y

Watercolor and oil painter Ellie Weakley paints from life. Her art reflects everything she sees – a mountain stream, an aged building in France, a boat moored to a wharf, children at play in the flowers. A *plein aire* enthusiast, Ellie travels to capture in her paintings as many experiences as she is able. This means visiting beautiful and exotic places – ranging from the windswept coastal landscape of California to the ageless back streets of Europe to the jungles of Costa Rica – to bring back images of all she experienced. For Ellie, art is truly living.

With a degree in history and a successful teaching position, Ellie was not drawn to art as a career, but the idea sparked while chairing a major regional exhibition, the “Colorado Country Art Invitational”. The flurry of artistic activities around her struck a deep chord and it wasn’t long before Ellie had her own paints and started her artistic pursuit. Over the years she has worked with a number of notable artists including Charles Reid, Lowell Ellsworth Smith and Richard Schmid. Gallery showing started in 1974 when Ellie was an invited guest of the Whiskey Painters of America show in Denver.

By the following year, Ellie had her own solo-show and has since exhibited throughout the Western United States, including Hawaii, receiving numerous awards along the way. Since 1993, Weakley has been a perennial participant in the prestigious Colorado Governor’s Art Exhibition and she is particularly proud of her artistic contributions to benefit the Children’s Hospital of Denver.

Ellie’s passion for her art and career has naturally affected the people around her. In fact, she turned to her own mother – a concert pianist – when she first felt the need to teach others about art. Ellie’s mother, Margaret Macrum, is now an accomplished, professional painter thanks to her daughter’s instruction. The artistic family genes spread further to include her two daughters, a niece and brother-in-law. The family exhibits together frequently in special group shows across the country.

With the following of an even wider family of both part-time and professional artists, Ellie has become a popular instructor. She has taught at Colorado’s Loveland Art Academy (where she also serves on the Board of Directors), the Art Students League of Denver, and Arizona’s Scottsdale Artist School. She also co-teaches well-attended workshops throughout the United States and Europe with artist Cathy Goodale. Both women combine the basics of all forms art with humor.

Ellie has established her private studio in her lakefront home in Fort Collins, Colorado, a spacious, light-filled room which is a creative work in itself. When Ellie isn’t traveling to paint or teach, she is producing new work in the studio.



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## EDUCATION:

University of Colorado, History

Boulder, CO

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Ongoing	Loveland Academy of Art	Loveland, CO
Ongoing	Scottsdale Artist School	Scottsdale, AZ
2003	Columbine Galleries Art Lecture Series	Santa Fe, NM
	Monthly Studio Class – Landscapes in Oil & Watercolor	Loveland, CO
	Carmel by the Sea, Workshop	Carmel, CA
	Paint the Estes Valley, Red Stallion Gallery	Glen Haven, CO
	Pingree Park Workshop	Pingree Park, CO
	Jackson Hole Workshop	Jackson Hole, WY
	Willowisp Farms	Asheville, NC
	Painting in Burgundy, Phil Levine Workshop	Burgundy, France
1997	Instructor for workshops	U.S. and Europe
1994-96	Workshops, Denver Art Students League of Denver	Denver, CO

## SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS:

1992	First Place, The Best & Brightest of Scottsdale	Scottsdale, AZ
1986	Outstanding Woman Artist, Women's Forum	Denver, CO
1984-92	Selected to paint for Children's Hospital National Telethon's limited edition prints	U.S.



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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

2004	Annual Artist in Residence Invitational, demo & show, Columbine Galleries	Santa Fe, NM
2003	Red Stallion Gallery	Glen Haven, CO
	Three Artist Studio Show, Weakley, Goodale & Alexander	Loveland, CO
	"Convergence", South Metro Denver Chamber & Columbine Galleries	Denver, CO
	"Ellie's Family Show", Lloyd's Art Center	Fort Collins, CO
	Michner Library, University of Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO
2002	Solo-Show, Knox Galleries	Naples, FL
	Group Exhibit, Gallery East	Loveland, CO
2001	Instruction and Exhibition	Le Begude, France
	Solo-Show, Jean Wilson Gallery	Fort Collins, CO
2000	Two-Artist Show, Smith Klein Gallery	Boulder, CO
	Guest Artist, Greeley Art Association	Greeley, CO
1993-2000	Colorado Governor's Show, Selected Artist	Loveland, CO
1998-99	Ellie & Company, Smith Klein Gallery	Boulder, CO
1994-97	Guest Artist, Art Students League of Denver, Merrill Gallery	Denver, CO
1992-97	Ten Artists from Ft. Collins... A Christmas Event	Fort Collins, CO
1996	Nightwalker Show, Colorado State University	Fort Collins, CO
	Group Exhibit, Gallery East	Loveland, CO
	Group Show, Abend Gallery	Denver, CO
	Group Show, Smith Klein Gallery	Boulder, CO
1995-96	Rocky Mountain Festival of Artists	
1995	Colorado Watercolor Society Exhibition	
1994	Guest Artist, Wyoming Museum Show	Cheyenne, WY
	Legacies... Mother, Daughter, Granddaughter	Fort Collins, CO
	Driscoll Gallery Show	Aspen, CO
1993	Featured Artist, Madison & Main	Greeley, CO
	Old West Museum Show	Cheyenne, WY
1985-93	Four-Artist Show, Steamboat Holidays at the Art Depot	Steamboat, CO
1992	Two Artist Show, Gallery East	Loveland, CO
	The Best & Brightest of Scottsdale – First Place	Scottsdale, AZ
	Invited Guest Artist, Smithsonian – benefit for the American Indian	Washington, DC
1991-92	Pikes Peak Invitational	
1990	Solo-Show	Fort Collins, CO
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1988-89	L.A. Art Expo	Los Angeles, CA
1986	Two Artist Show, Western Resources, Intrust Bank	Fort Collins, CO
	Special Guest Artist, AAUW National Exhibit	Greeley, CO
1984	Four Artists Paint Children, Gallery East	Loveland, CO
	Four-Artist Show, "Generations in Reflection", Gallery East	Loveland, CO
1982-83	Featured Artist, Arts Marathon	Greeley, CO
1982	Invited Guest Artist, The Renaissance Collection	Estes Park, CO
	Solo-Show, Lincoln Center	Fort Collins, CO
1981	Solo-Show, Celebration of Spring, Gallery East	Loveland, CO
1980	Four-Artist Show, Sheraton Hotel	Kauai, HI
	Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition	
1979	Colorado Women in the Arts Exhibition	
1975	Solo-Show	Fort Collins, CO
1974	Invited Guest, Whiskey Painters of America, DeColores Gallery	Denver, CO