

Best Artist

Sarah Griffith

From childhood, Sarah Griffith says she wanted to be two things — a mother and a teacher. She also loved to draw and paint, and during her 30 years as an elementary school teacher, she painted still lifes and landscapes as a hobby.

Six years ago, after taking a trip to the Southwest and visiting with local artists, Sarah's life changed. She began painting what she felt, instead of what she saw. She practiced more and painted art for every room in her home. Friends and family who saw her work wanted to purchase pieces themselves, which inspired her to hold an art show in her home. She began to advertise locally and donate pieces to charitable causes and now, four years later, her work can be seen in national galleries and magazines.

Larry Bourg, one of Sarah's clients, says he most likes how Sarah uses brilliant colors in eye-pleasing combinations and patterns. Although her current work is abstract, Bourg says everyone sees different images and the pieces make for interesting conversation.

Every day when she wakes up, Sarah thanks God for blessing her and allowing her to be everything she really wanted — a mom, teacher and artist.

