

## **Karen Knutson**

### **Biography:**

Karen attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and currently lives in Minneapolis, MN. She thoroughly loves teaching watercolor and collage, and teaches workshops nationwide. Her workshops are filled with techniques to make painting fun and easy. She believes that painting should be fun, but also teaches a strong sense of design. Karen is a signature member of Transparent Watercolor Society of America (formerly known as Midwest Watercolor Society), San Diego Watercolor Society, Red River Watercolor Society, the Montana Watercolor Society, and the Northern Plains Watercolor Society, the Minnesota Watercolor Society, Missouri Watercolor Society. She has won many awards, both locally and nationally. Her paintings are featured in Splash 6, Watercolor, Fun and Free, and Searching for the Artist Within, Watercolor- The Spirit of Spontaneity, Watercolor without Boundaries, The Artistic Touch 4, and the magazine, Watercolor Magic (Aug. '04). Her website is [www.karenknutson.com](http://www.karenknutson.com) and her blog is [www.karenknutson.blogspot.com](http://www.karenknutson.blogspot.com)

### **Artist Statement:**

“I paint watercolors because I love its free and wild qualities, forcing the artist to adjust to its many moods. For the past few years, I’ve added collage and acrylic, which produces wonderful textures and color discoveries. My paintings are sometimes totally abstract, and sometimes there is something recognizable in the painting. I like my paintings to be different than “normal paintings” - anything that will make the viewer take a second look and be drawn into the painting! I used to be attracted to paintings with unusual colors, but now I’m drawn to paintings with dynamic design. First and foremost, I like to have fun while I paint, and I’m constantly trying out new things, so that I will grow as an artist. I feel like the luckiest person alive to be able to do something that I love so much!”