

About D. K. Boljat

Darla Boljat is a contemporary realist painter thriving in Sherwood, Oregon. A native Oregonian, her acrylic and oil waterfalls, trees, and hummingbirds (among many other subjects) are all brought to life in peaceful compositions. Her distinctive style emanates joy and peace. As the artist explains, "I love nature and I paint to portray my experience when there."

In 2004, Darla Boljat's curiosity was sparked when she saw her friend's paintings. Little did she know she would be embarking on a new career when she asked that friend more about the painting process and ended up painting with her often. She soon realized her passion for painting.

As Darla was finishing one of her first paintings, that friend suggested that she add a barn to her painting. "I don't do barns," Darla replied, because she did not know how. Nonetheless, she painted a barn. She gave that barn painting to her grandmother, and it hung in her hospice room, where she shared the painting with all who visited her in her last weeks.

Months later, while helping to prepare the eulogy, Darla learned that her grandmother had always wanted to paint but did not know where to start. That day, Darla resolved to be an artist.

As her numbers of students, classes, and shows grew, Darla opened her own business: D. K. Boljat Inc. D. K. Boljat 's artwork has been in solo and group exhibitions, and has won a variety of different awards, including first place at the Clackamas County Fair for her painting *Crater Lake*. Her work is in many private collections throughout the U.S. Please visit www.dkboljat.com for more information.



