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Artist Biography

Gary Allison is very talented in a variety of art mediums. He owned a successful stained glass window business for twenty years before moving to Palm Desert in 2009. Gary started drawing in 1979 at the age of 25. He loved pen & ink and developed his skills in the technique of pointillism. His main influence is M. C. Escher, the famous graphic artist. Many of Escher's lithographs and woodcuts deal with mathematics, geometry, infinity, perspectives in space and optical illusions.

In 1999 Gary had a vision. Inspired mostly by pure curiosity, he wondered what would happen if he lined the interior of a polyhedron with mirror and left openings in the corners so he could look inside. After building the first one he knew he was on to something, so he continued experimenting and gave them a name. "Holoscopes". He used his computer graphic skills and designed the exteriors with interesting patterns and then printed them out on card stock. Gary is an accomplished woodcraftsman, so the next line of holoscopes were made of different exotic hardwoods. He now uses his glass cutting skills and makes them out of art glass and sanded grout. He still uses exotic hardwoods to craft stands for the glass holoscopes to set in. The art glass is the same type of glass he used in his stained glass windows. Part of his creativity is in the process of selecting the most beautiful glass for each art piece that he handcrafts with great precision and detail. He also designs and manipulates a variety of polyhedrons in order to make every holoscope uniquely different from one another.

Gary's polyhedral art has attracted academic interest. Math teachers share them with their students as inspiration. Professor Kenneth Brecher, the Astro Physics Professor and Director of the Science and Mathematics Education Center at Boston University has acquired many holoscopes which include all of the five platonic solids.

Fine Art Shows

Southwest Arts Festival, Indio, CA. 2011 Received Award of Merit.
West Coast Artists, Palm Springs, CA. 2006 & 2011
Art Shows, Huntington Beach, CA. 2000 thru 2008
The Kaleidoscope Show, Sedona, AZ. 2001
Kaleidoscope Jubilee, Sandiego, CA. 2001
Chambor of Commerce Art Show, Huntington Beach, CA. 1999 & 2003
Art and Wine Festival, Lake Arrowhead, CA. 1997
Monterry Art Festival, Monterey, CA. 1994

Fashion Island Home Show, Newport Beach, CA. 1993
Orange County Home Show, Costa Mesa, CA. 1990
Home and Garden Show, Anaheim, CA. 1987 & 1988
Marina Del Rey Art Festival, Los Angeles, CA. 1985
Festival of the Arts, La Quinta, CA. 1982
Palm Springs Tramway Art Show, Palm Springs, CA. 1981

Fine Art Galleries

Eilean Kremen Gallery, Fullerton, CA.
Scherer Gallery, Sedona, AZ.
Nellie Bly Gallery, Jerome, AZ.
Canyon Road Collection, Palm Desert, CA.
Kaleidoscope Gallery, Mission Viejo, CA.
Kaleidokites, Eureka Springs, AK.
Art Planet Yojigen, Osaka, Japan
Galerie Vivant, Tokyo, Japan

Art Mediums

Pointillism pen & ink, and acrylic
Paper mesh sculpture
Watercolor
Glass carving/etching
Stained glass
Woodcraft
Scratchboard
Computer graphics
Polyhedral art