

Diane reader Dorn was born and raised in South Bend. She was a member of the Water Color Society and exhibited at the Leeper Park Art fair for many years. Her father, Cecil C. Reader was a painter and was one of the founders of the Leeper Park Art Fair. Dorn received her Bachelor of Fine Art, Summa Cum laude, in painting and ceramics from Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX. She had the pleasure of touring and studying Art History in Greece. She has taught watercolor and encaustic painting at her studio in Denton, Texas and conducted painting workshops. Dorn has juried yearly for Region 10 North and Region 10 South, North Texas Art Education Association's annual Visual Art Scholastic Event. Last year she was the juror for Fresh Ideas 2015, presented by the Visual Art League of Lewisville, Texas.

Dorn's work toured with Some Like it Hot, an encaustic exhibition in Houston, Dallas, and Port Arthur, Texas, and was juried into °Degrees°, an exhibition in Houston. Her work was part of the Global Swarming inaugural exhibit at Texas Discovery Gardens, State Fair of Texas. Dorn exhibited her work at art4mation, a four woman exhibition at The Plaza of the Americas, Dallas, Texas. Dorn's work was part of Dallas Wax: Fusion, a juried exhibition at the PFamily Art Center, Plano, Texas.

In 2004, Dorn became the Presentations/Gallery Coordinator and Assistant to the Visual Art Director at Interlochen Center for the Arts Summer Camp, and Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, Michigan. She returned to her home town in 2014. This Spring, she will be teaching an Encaustic painting class at the South Bend Museum of Art! She currently has a solo exhibition of her watercolor, acrylic, and encaustic paintings at Gallery East in Mishawaka. Aside from her passion, painting and throwing clay on the wheel, she enjoys hiking, loves her two cats and two dogs, all rescues. She is a Notre Dame fan and has season tickets to the women's basketball games! She does not like needles, but would not mind an IV drip of dark chocolate!

Diane reader Dorn's work is in corporate collections including Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Denton, TX. and Texas Women's University. She designed and painted a wall mural for Collin County Children's Advocacy Center, Plano, TX.