

Photography and The Arts
Great Western Alpaca Show 2010
About our Judge - Linda Arnold

Linda Arnold is a water color artist, residing in Englewood, Colorado and who utilizes photograph to document her subjects that she then paints. Subject matter ranges from landscapes to portraits of animals and people. Animal subjects to date have included: alpacas, horses and many species of dogs.

Linda shares her knowledge, skills and love of painting by teaching watercolor classes to children and adults as well as through the actual paintings she creates. Some of her works have brought Linda into national prominence as an artist are the paintings she created for the victims of Columbine High School, Oklahoma City and 9/11 New York City. Thus her work is not only in many private collections but in public collections as well. Some of these collections include: President Bill Clinton, NYC Mayor Ed Bradley, John Elway, Governor Frank Keating of Oklahoma, The P.E.O. Executive Offices in Iowa, Columbine High School and the homes of the Columbine families.

Linda is a fourth generation Coloradan, born in Denver and growing up in Idaho Springs. At about the age of four Linda was diagnosed with a severe hearing loss. Her parents enrolled her in an extensive speech and hearing program called the Acoupedic Method which helped her to listen and speak with the help of hearing aids. Linda states: "I love art because people can relate to me through my work."

You can sense the emotion that each stroke of the paintbrush captures in each of Linda's subjects. In landscapes, you want to be there, with portraits, you can see the personality and character and with animals, their demeanor, and so one gets a sense of the artist who is gentle, kind and real. – Patty DePooter, mother of Corey who died at Columbine