

## ARTIST OF THE YEAR 1999: DUSTY KINMAN

[60WestGallery](#) Owner & Third-Generation [Palette-Knife](#) Artist, [Dusty Kinman](#).

In 1950, my grandmother, Florence Sackett, developed her own technique of painting with knives, creating beautiful landscapes, USING NO BRUSHES! In 1981, my mother and father, Kerry and Linda Kinman, both began a five-year quest to perfect Grandma's knife-wielding techniques, in turn, over 36 years, becoming renowned knife artists themselves. At 19-years-old, in 1993, a big turning point in my life presented itself. Do I take a lucrative salary in the Corporate world, or do I listen to my father, asking me to follow in his footsteps and become a family of palette-knife artists? I chose the latter and spent the next 10 years working alongside my parents, perfecting this one-of-a-kind craft.

25 years later, both of my parents have passed away to brighter fields, and I am teaching my four children this amazing palette knife technique, in hopes that someday they, themselves, will be recognized in the art world. My oldest son, fourth-generation palette-knife artist, Aaden, began selling his works at the young age of five (for \$500.00!) and now, at the age of 10, he has sold over 20 original oil paintings. Needless to say, I am the proudest father on the planet and I'm sure my parents are smiling down, as well.

I have worked very hard throughout my 25-years of going to shows, traveling up and down the West Coast line, teaching kids, special-needs, and adult Sip & Paint classes everywhere.

I have decided now to put 100% of my time and effort into creating a new art mecca in the historical town of Wickenburg, Arizona. The "60WestGallery" will be offering classroom settings, supply store, frame shop, Giclee reproductions, featured local artists, and a Fine Art Gallery for all ages to enjoy.

