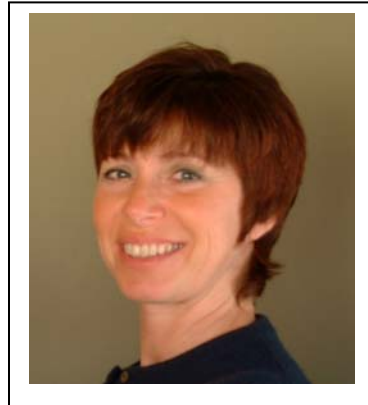


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Sandra is also a visual artist and creates floral oil paintings, including orchids and bouquets as well as area landscapes. Sandra Principe's oil paintings capture exquisite detail and glowing light. Her gem like paint, detail, and brush strokes add a wondrous dimension to her paintings. Her paintings are influenced by American artist, Martin Johnson Heade, as well as the Dutch masters. Principe's paintings are included in numerous private and corporate collections. Her paintings are also included in the book: *Art Scene Chicago 2000*. She has had shows of her work in galleries and museums across the country including Vero Beach, Florida; West Palm Beach, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; Kenosha, Wisconsin; Dubuque, Iowa; Galena, Illinois; Austin, Texas; Charleston, South Carolina; and Laguna Beach, California.