

**Summer Blossoms** Hello again dear friends and customers!

I feel like I've been a little out of touch. I get to see some of you around town and it's always funny when you don't recognize me because I'm not standing behind my tables and cases (you know who you are!). Not much going on...well, that's a lie. I'm always busy, but I enjoy what I do so it usually doesn't feel like it. I'm sort of taking it a little bit easy this summer, but you will still find me at the Sat. market and as always, there will be new, fun stuff for me to present to you.

In February, I went to Glendale, Arizona (where I'm from) to do an event. While there, my sister's friend bought one of my "I'm not afraid. I was born to do this" necklaces. I found out later that she is the aunt of Jordin Sparks, the latest American Idol winner. She asked me to make the same necklace for Jordin, who is also from Glendale. I mailed one to her a week before she won the competition. Apparently she wore the necklace on the Jay Leno show (which I missed because I was busy making jewelry). She's so incredibly talented and I'm sure her refreshingly, grounded attitude will carry her further. Looking forward to seeing her blossom to new heights!

Would love to here from any of you. I'm always interested in how you are doing and learning how you are blossoming and changing. Take care! - **Tina**



Above - Jordin Sparks wearing her "I'm not afraid. I was born to do this" necklace on the Jay Leno Show.

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"Journey to the center of you."

**Introducing one of my newest favorite sources of inspiration...Jami Tobey-Kiendra**

I have always drawn and painted. While growing up, I preferred art supplies to any toy. Even though I taught for several years and loved it, I would come home and paint or draw every night. When my son Tobey was diagnosed with Autism at 2 years old, I realized that the diagnosis was a blessing in disguise. It forced me to jump into the unknown and develop my painting. Every night after I put my children to bed, I would work on paintings, creating a large body of work to exhibit at galleries. Art is something I simply need to do. It's both healing and exciting!

I continue to be prolific and believe that energy begets more energy - the more I paint, the more that I want to paint. I am inspired by natural landscapes of the places I travel. I bring a sketch book and camera everywhere I go. Two of my other passions are reading and music! The best gift I ever received from my husband (besides my two children) was an ipod. I never paint without it.



"Meadowlands".

*Jami Tobey (Kiendra) is a Graduate of Western State College of Colorado with degrees in Fine Art and English. Her specialties are Landscapes and Florals in Acrylics and Watercolor, in sizes ranging from 4" x 6" to 4ft x 6ft. She exhibits nationally in several galleries and has done over a dozen exhibits and shows.*

*Jami is also showing in Temecula beginning summer season 2007. Small pieces are for sale in the wine tasting room at **La Cereza Winery** on Rancho California Road, and large pieces are also for sale at **Frankie's**, a new steakhouse opening in July. If you make your way out to Palm Springs check out **Adagio Galleries** on Palm Canyon Road, Jami has work there full time.*

*Jami has been Southwest Art Magazine's Artist to Watch. To view more artwork go to [www.tobeystudios.com](http://www.tobeystudios.com) or [www.ancientones.org](http://www.ancientones.org). For more information call 951-696-2480 or [jamitk@yahoo.com](mailto:jamitk@yahoo.com)*

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