

## **Donna Granata Bio**

Donna Granata, the guest judge for our first online critique. Donna has done a suburb job of judging for our Club in the past, so it is a great honor to have her back, virtually this time.

Donna is the Founder and Executive Director of Focus on the Masters (FOTM), a highly respected non-profit educational program documenting contemporary artists. Founded in 1994, the goal of FOTM is to demonstrate the importance of the arts to society by bringing highly accomplished artists to the forefront of the community. Focus on the Masters has been the recipient of numerous awards and is recognized as one of the leading arts organizations in the state of California.

In addition, Donna is a very involved educator for which she has been highly acclaimed, including receiving Teacher of the Year in 2005 from Elderhostel International. And recently, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts from the City of Ojai.

An accomplished artist in her own right, Donna is an internationally published and award winning painter turned photographer.

Donna received a Bachelor's of Art Degree and Honorary Masters of Science Degree from the Brooks Institute of Photography where she was an adjunct professor. More recently, she received a Masters of Arts Degree from USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism, graduating with honors. Donna is listed in Marquis Who's Who of American Women.

For more information, and there is more, be sure to check out her website at [focusonthemasters.com](http://focusonthemasters.com).