



# Deb Strong Napple

*Creating a New Beauty in Flagstaff, AZ*

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## Artist's Statement

I hear color.

Really, I hear color. When I paint *en plein air* I experience *synesthesia*. As sunlight falls across the landscape, colors become musical tones for me. On a bright day the sun might sound like high C played on a silver flute. Or the shadow under a juniper might reverberate like a low, flat note.

So in my art I show what I hear. Like poetry says the unsayable, my abstractions reveal the unseeable. Like the power barely contained in a sunrise, or the sound of a color floating over the desert. The power and sense of smallness looking out at a horizon that goes forever.

## Selected shows and awards:

### Artist-in-Residence

Wupatki National Monument  
February 2021

### XSCAPE: Landscape, Cityscape, Mindscape

FOUND:RE Contemporary, Phoenix  
July - September, 2021

### Artist-in-Residence

Petrified Forest National Park  
August, 2018, and in August 2019

### From New Jersey to Arizona and Back, Deb Strong Napple solo show

Art for Healing Gallery, Princeton NJ  
November 2017 - February 2018

### Breaking the Barrier

Coconino Center for the Arts  
May, 2017

### A Wild Beauty

Coconino Center for the Arts  
October, 2016

### Long Views: Etchings, Woodcuts and Paintings

Solo Show  
Red Raven Art Company, Lancaster, PA,  
August 2014

### New Faces Exhibit

Artists' House Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
March, 2013

### 71st Annual Juried Exhibition,

Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
July 28 – September 30, 2012

### The Color Woodcut Purchase Prize

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts  
May 2010 and May 2011

### Excellence in Printmaking Exhibition

Washington Printmakers Gallery, Silver Spring, MD  
February, 2011

### A Reverence for Water

Printmaking Council of New Jersey  
October, 2010

### The Color Woodcut Purchase Prize

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts  
May 2010

### The Artists of the Carlson Trust

Oxford Art Alliance, Oxford, PA  
May 2010

### Carlson Landscape Residency

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts  
May 2009

### Contemporary Voices

69th Annual Juried Exhibition  
Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
March 2009

## Education

**Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Certificate in Printmaking, Minor in Painting  
2007-2011

**Old Dominion University**  
Norfolk, VA  
B.A. in English, emphasis on Creative Writing  
1985

## Speaking Engagements and Writing

**Painting as Prayer**  
Coconino High School  
February 29, 2020

**"Six Ways that Printmaking is Like Sex"**  
Pecha Kucha Presentation  
Flagstaff, AZ June 2016

**"What is Printmaking" Gallery talk**  
Abington Art Center  
April 2013

### **"What is a Printmaker? "**

Woodmere Art Museum's Artist Spotlight Series, 2012 This article was written for, and published online by, the Woodmere Museum of Art in Philadelphia to accompany the 2012 annual juried show.  
<http://woodmereartmuseum.blogspot.com/2012/07/71st-annual-juried-exhibition-deb-napple.html>

### **Art-at Lunch Series speaker**

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Phila. PA  
May, 2011

### **Featured speaker**

Octoraro Art Association  
Oxford, PA  
November 6, 2010

## Collections

**Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, P.C.**  
Philadelphia, PA

**Welbrook Senior Living**  
Flagstaff, AZ

**Emory Healthcare**  
Atlanta, GA

**Banner Healthcare System**  
Phoenix, AZ

**University Medical Center of Princeton**  
Princeton, NJ

**MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper**  
Camden, NJ

**Ernest Healthcare**  
Flagstaff, AZ

**Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts**  
Print Department, Philadelphia, PA

**Private collections in Washington, DC,  
Los Angeles, CA, Arizona and Philadelphia, PA**

**Charles Schwab**  
Phoenix, AZ