

AT THE EDGE OF SONORA

WATERCOLOR IMPRESSIONS

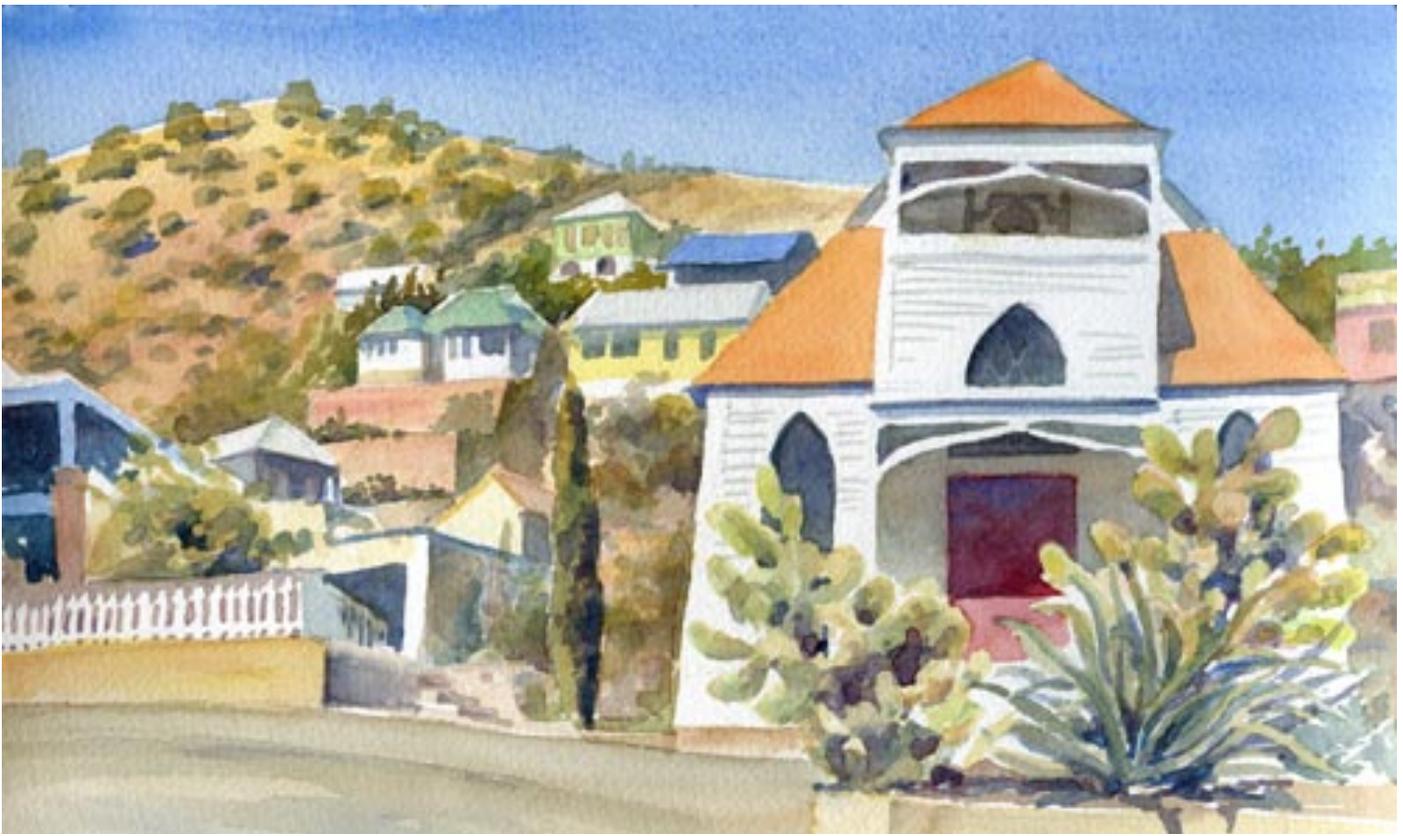
FROM THE SOUTHWEST AND THE SOUTHEAST



Afternoon sun illuminates the northern edge of the Sonoran Desert in Tombstone, AZ

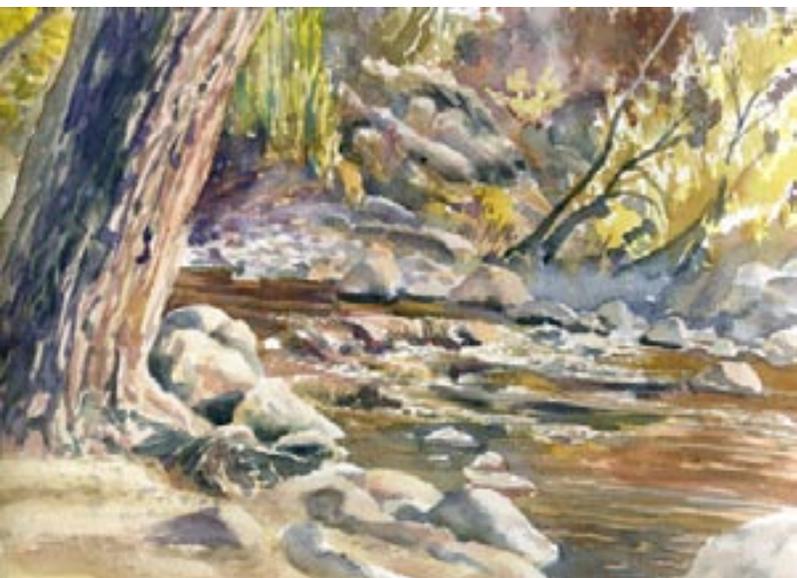
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Development in the southwest came with the shovels of miners and prospectors. Bisbee, AZ (top) is filled with old miners cabins now stepping brightly up hillsides around the town. The Good Enough Mine (right) is the last mine in Tombstone, AZ, once a bawdy center of activity.





Iconic saguaro cacti guard the desert around Tucson, like ranks of sentries marching over sharp rocky slopes and cool canyon streams alike.

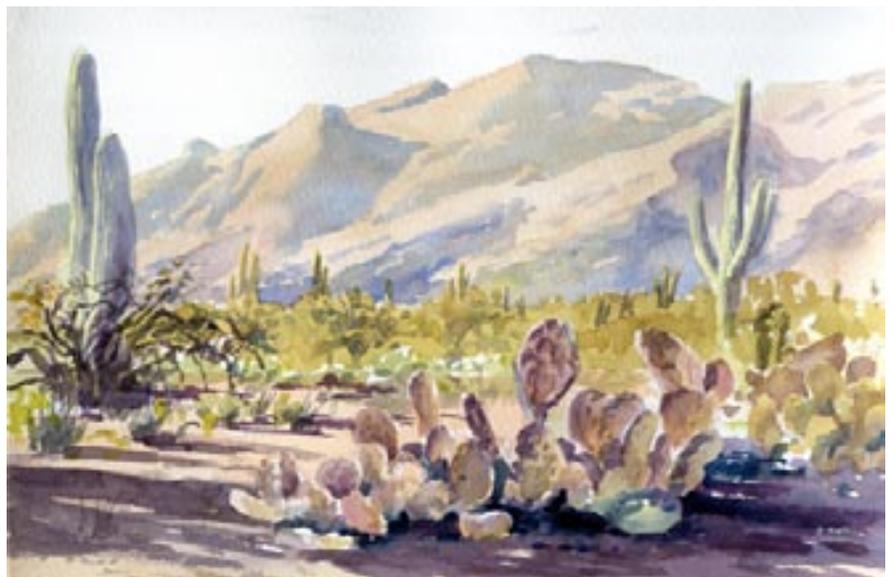






Arizona is steeped in culture and history. (top left) Blue doors brighten a street in Tubac. (bottom left) the former pump house for the cavalry post at Ft. Lowell in Tucson.

(top right) An adobe house along Ft. Lowell Street, part of the original US Army fort. (bottom right) Prickly pear cacti in Sabino Canyon, a National Forest preserve north of Tucson.





Water trickles through a rocky wash in Ventana Canyon north of Tucson.

The desert

offers life in some of its most harsh and beautiful forms, alive with color and vitality. The Sonoran desert in Arizona has its own unique expression of that and has been the source of legend since native people began living there. But it was in the waning years of the 1800's that America embraced the image of the rugged southwest, a perception that lingers today.

The water

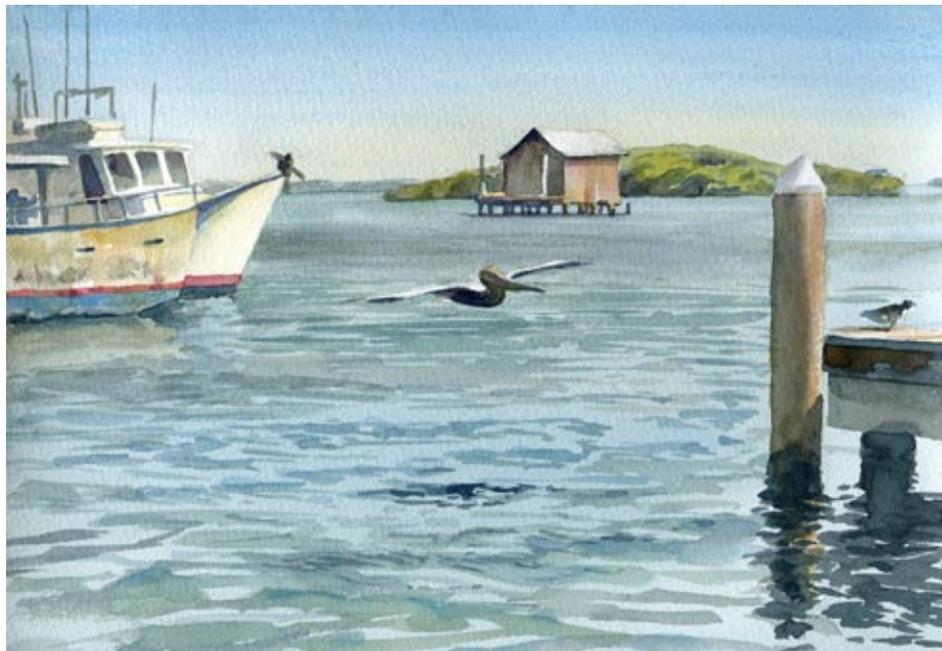
that flows in abundance through the state of Florida brings a different kind of vitality. The sea continues to wash its shores and the rains to water its lush vegetation. But the peninsula today shares the same concerns about continuing water supplies as the arid land that was once a great inland sea and is now the southwest US.



A boat yard in the fishing village of Cortez, FL.

Lake Russel in central FL is part of the headwaters of the Everglades.





Fishing boats opposite the USCG Station in Cortez, FL.

A beached catamaran waits for high water to free the grip of sand at San Sebastian Inlet, FL

