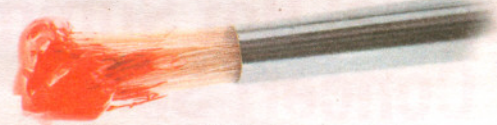


# Creativity Reigns At Brio Fine Arts Center



**Name/Title:** Diane DiBernardino Sanborn, founder, owner and director. (Husband John, by day a Financial Prudential relocation advisor, is Diane's co-owner and "financial guru at night!")

**Business:** Brio Fine Arts Center

**Address:** 8340 East Raintree Drive, Suite C-6, Scottsdale

**Nature of business/services offered:** Brio is a special place where people can take workshops and classes in watercolor, drawing, painting, printmaking, figure and portrait drawing, pastels, acrylics and more, from a staff of 25 instructors. There is also the opportunity for students to showcase their work. Additionally, summer art classes at Club Brio, for kids ages five to 12, highlight visual arts projects within a fine arts curriculum.



Photo by Tina Cella

**How is your business unique?** Diane says her business, founded in 2004, is unlike any other. "Other arts organizations typically rely on grants and donations in order to hold exhibits," she explains. "But, at Brio we are structured for profit. We offer what our students want and need: to learn their craft and to display their work – no matter

what level they are at." Noting that Brio is a place "where creativity reigns and all ideas are welcome," Brio actively seeks proposals from artists for exhibitions and performances.

**Tell us a little about your professional accomplishments:** A longtime art educator, Diane has served on the faculties of Scottsdale and Paradise Valley Community Colleges. She currently teaches at South Mountain Community College. She was a 2008 finalist for the Governor's Arts Award, Best in Art Education. Her series, based on Aesop's Fables, is included in "Best of America's Oil Artists." Diane says she is most proud of having helped to launch artists – "to see their careers take off."

**What are you reading now?** *Letters to a Young Artist* by Anna Deavere Smith.

**If you could own any one piece of art, what would it be?** "Mme. Matisse" painted in 1905 by Henri Matisse.

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