

COMMUNITY

# ARTIST'S FLOWERS Move in with CoCo Milano's

By AnnElise Makin

Beautiful things can easily blossom into a fertile partnership, and such is the case with eclectic home décor and floral masterpieces at The Village at Las Sendas.

Around this Valentine's Day, Red Mountain's botanical artist, Dyana Hesson, stepped into CoCo Milano's to sign her *Arizona Valentine* poster prints. The ambience of CoCo's rare and high-end designs meshed so well with Dyana's sophisticated flowers. As a result, two large Giclée prints are now on sale at the boutique.

"I saw that there was room for original, artist-made art on their display walls," Dyana recalled, from her highly successful poster-signing event. So, she talked to the owners, Denise Milano and Cathy Sabin, to determine whether they would be interested in showing her works and taking them on consignment.

"They said yes, and I hung them right away," the artist stated. "I am excited about partnering with CoCo Milano's. I am curious to see what possibilities are in store. This is a good opportunity for both sides."

"Dyana's paintings are so different from our other artwork here," commented Julie Montague, CoCo's designer in residence. "Dyana's work is exceptional," she said, praising the larger-than-life close ups of flowers.

The currently displayed images, *Paradise* (orchids) and *Eternal Love* (lilies) are white-themed. These blooms also have delighted Amanda Billings, CoCo's floral designer, who is certified through the American Society of Interior Designers.

"We love supporting local artists," Amanda said. "And we want to bring in unusual things. In that way,

Dyana's paintings harmonize very well with our business philosophy."

"In a sense, we have expanded," storeowner Denise pointed out. "With Dyana's paintings we have adopted a more transitional style, as most of our pieces so far have been traditional."

"I am passionate about doing as much as I can locally," the artist stated. "My prints are made locally by Cloud Watchers of Phoenix. They produce the finest museum-quality, archival Giclées in the nation, the only company I would trust."

Each print is signed and numbered by the artist, and is limited in number. Therefore, when the edition sells out, the print is retired.

"My original oil on canvas paintings will still only be available at Bonner David Galleries, in Scottsdale, but now, collectors can purchase my limited edition prints even in the East Valley at CoCo Milano's," Dyana added.

"I am glad to help promote CoCo's because they are hard-working ladies with style. I am confident to send collectors there to have my work nicely showcased."

A third image, *Arizona Sunset*, will be added to CoCo's showroom in April. The original painting was part of an

exhibit called *My Arizona*, in which Dyana featured botanical paintings inspired by her beloved state. ■

Visit with Dyana's large-size prints at CoCo Milano's showroom in The Village at Las Sendas, located at 2837 N. Power Road, on the northeast corner of Power and McDowell roads. For hours and other information, call (480) 641-2626, or send an e-mail to [info@cocomilanos.com](mailto:info@cocomilanos.com).



Left to right: Denise Milano, Dyana Hesson, and Julie Montague



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