

# AMERICAN INDIAN ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

## Joseph Smith



### Tribal Connection

Ak-Chin

### Art Galleries

You can view his paintings at:

The Ak-Chin Indian Community office headquarters

The Him-Dak Eco-Museum

The Ak-Chin Indian Community library

The Ultra-Star Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle

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### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Joseph Smith is a self-taught artist and member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, known for his drawings and oil paintings. He has been creating art since childhood, starting with pencil drawings at age 6. At 35, he began oil painting, teaching himself the craft.

His work often depicts the scenery and cultural traditions of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. He aims for his art to help younger generations learn about the Community's events and celebrations, portraying traditional ceremonies and events as they happened in the past.

Smith is also known for sketching and painting the design for the "Desert Oasis" sculpture located in front of Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. This sculpture, created by artist Snell Johnson with modifications, depicts a saguaro cactus and women gathering water.

His paintings are displayed in various locations within the Ak-Chin Indian Community, including the tribal headquarters, the Him-Dak Eco-Museum, the library, and the Ultra-Star Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle. Even in retirement, he continues to paint regularly, finding it a relaxing and fulfilling activity.

