SPECIAL PUBLIC & PRIVATE EVENTS

My home city of Xalapa in the Mexican state of Veracruz and other parts of the state both north and south of my city hold many special events throughout the year, some public, some private. I captured two special events in a pair of colorful paintings: a special public dancing event in 64 and my family's private Christmas celebration in 65.

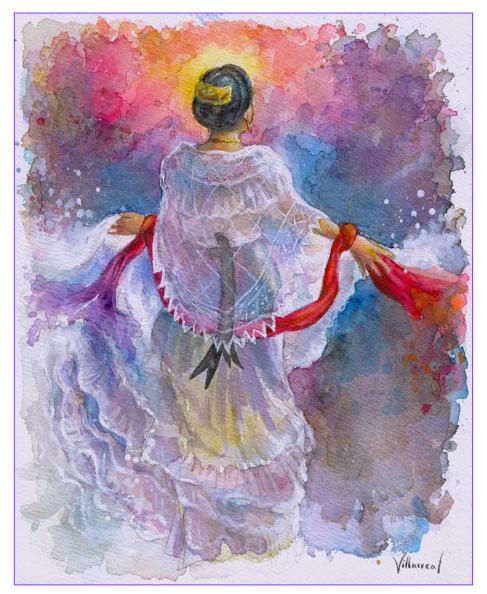
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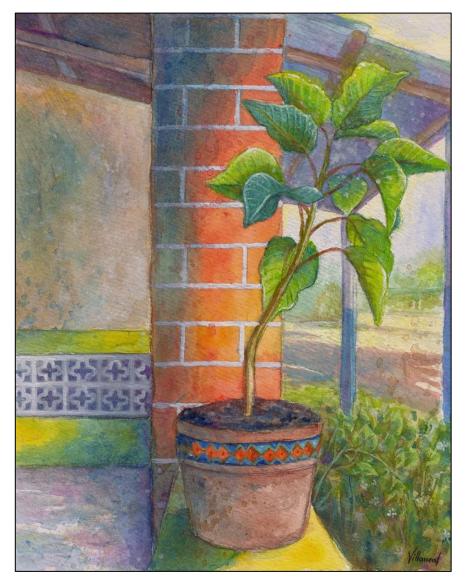
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64. Jarocha Dancer



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65. Christmas Plant on Porch



Dancers like the Jarocha Dancer in painting 64. perform at special cultural events throughout the year in my city. Each Mexican state has its own dancing traditions, its own costumes and music. I attended one of these special cultural events and took many photographs of the performers. The Jarocha Dancer was one of more than 2000 local dancers who gathered on a main street in my city and set a new Guinness World Record for largest gathering of street (La Bamba) dancers in a single location.

Many people will not recognize the Christmas plant in painting 65. They will be surprised to learn that the plant is a poinsettia, an indigenous plant in Mexico. This specific plant bloomed at Christmastime and will bloom again in time. During the dormant and regrowth phases, poinsettia plants are usually moved outdoors into the sunlight and fresh air. Poinsettia leaves are beautiful but do not receive the attention that poinsettia flowers do. This poinsettia plant in my family's porch has an elevated view of the street and primary school.