

# Sherry Allen

## Artist Statement

I have always been drawn to the outdoors, wildlife, drawing, and painting. I received my Master of Fine Arts from Florida State University In 1978. In my masters show, I painted very large canvases of jungle animals and fabricated fauna in electric acrylic colors. After graduation, I intended to pursue a career in art but instead worked 38 years in a technology field and did not pick up a paintbrush until I retired.

Since retirement, I enjoy painting again and chose watercolor because of the luminosity of its colors. I take reference photos to use as a basis for paintings and look for situations with interesting shapes, colors, textures, and patterns. I use color to bring attention to the focus of the painting and to establish an emotional connection with the animal. I especially like to paint creatures that have interesting details, intricate patterns, and shapes that take on an abstract quality. I hope my paintings will allow viewers to see wild animals from a different perspective.