

Holle Boykin

Holle Boykin comes from a long line of shutterbugs. A lifelong resident of Gadsden county, her childhood was captured by the lens of her mother's ever-present Minolta Hi-Matic F. As a senior at Robert F. Munroe Day School, Holle, like her mother, took her disposable camera everywhere. Capturing images of her friends, pets, school and family events, she documented that special time of her life. Being a photographer on the yearbook staff altered the way she looked at photography, and life itself, forever.

Through journalism class, Holle learned to take pictures that helped tell a story. She started looking at events, environments and people from different vantage points and perspectives. She graduated RFM in 1986 and that fall moved to South Carolina to attend Converse College. Holle thrived in art, photography and writing courses and, during her junior year, she became the editor of the centennial yearbook, despite that position traditionally having been reserved for senior students.

Holle graduated Converse in 1990 with a degree in Art and Interior Design. She stayed in South Carolina and worked with an interior decorator for a few years. She soon realized that while she has the talent to continue in that career, she just didn't have the passion for it and moved back to Quincy, Florida in 1995. The following year, she joined the Gadsden County School District and began teaching art at Greensboro Elementary School. In the classroom, her passion and skillset combined and she found her purpose. Working with children, teaching them to look at the world around them closely, and showing them ways to tell their stories through a variety of art media was both challenging and fulfilling. She's still teaching there, twenty-four years later.

For the past decade, Holle and her children, Sam and Sara, have lived on an old tobacco farm just north of Quincy. In her spare time, she volunteers for Elephant Refuge North America, and practices the art of quilling. She loves to cook and is the genius in the kitchen behind Miss B's In A Jam, where she produces jams and jellies from seasonal produce. Her favorite pastime is walking around the farm with her dogs and cats, noting how the changing light of day, the various seasons, and atmospheric conditions affect the appearance of everyday scenes.