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Born and raised in Leon County Florida, I started drawing and painting in my late 30's. I had lived in Central Florida for 8 years and when I moved back, I decided to try something new. After a few years of hobby drawing, I started taking portrait commissions attending workshops during this time. It would be 20+ years before I decided to create paintings that are in some way meaningful to me. I had been doing portrait work in graphite and colored pencil but when I picked up watercolors, I felt I had found my medium.

My work is realism. Unless I am doing a portrait commission that requires a client's photo, I work from my own reference photographs. Taking my own photographs is an integral part of my process. I look back at my old photos for inspiration, sometimes seeing one in a new light that inspires a new painting.

The subjects in my paintings are people, animals, or birds, in simple, everyday settings. I must think about a painting for a while before I start drawing. Sometimes I combine several of my photos to achieve the painting that I have imagined in my head.

In 2018 I started entering local watercolor and mixed media shows winning prizes in the 2019 Tri-State Exhibit and the 2019 TWS Members show. This year I had pieces in the Florida Watercolor Society Online Show and the Watercolor Society of Alabama Annual Exhibition. I have had a piece in the Gadsden Arts Exhibition for the past three years and so enjoy being part of such a wonderful array of fine artists.

I want to continue learning and improving, and to create art that speaks to me and to the people who see it.