

WENDY DEVARIEUX

ARTIST STATEMENT

My passion is my pastel painting. There is nothing more satisfying and exciting than putting color onto a background and pulling out a landscape that has tripped a little trigger in my brain. It is even more fun when the results come together like pieces in a puzzle. I love the fact that the pastel medium is dry; no waiting. The colors are vibrant and immediately visible. I love what I do and hope that you, the viewer, find pleasure in my work.

"It is never too late to live happily ever after. Life is a journey, not a destination." Unknown source

ARTIST BIO

Born and raised in north western Pennsylvania, Wendy Devarieux has always been interested in all things art and was fortunate to have had a mother who encouraged this interest throughout her school years. Graduation from college with a bachelor's degree from a small woman's college in Erie, Pennsylvania was followed with a master's degree from Hunter College in New York City. Her career in pastels was not a direct one having been preceded by careers in teaching, illustration and many years as a potter. All changed when she discovered *Painting the Landscape in Pastels* by Albert Handell. Since then, she has studied with many master pastel artists including Albert Handell, Frank Federico, Doug Dawson, Sally Strand, Elizabeth Mowrey and Richard McKinley. To her, pastel is the perfect medium to express her love of the landscape and has become her passion along with travel which has fueled her creative endeavors.

Wendy is affiliated with the Pastel Society of North Florida, the First Coast Pastel Society in northeastern Florida, the Tampa Bay Pastel Society, the Artist's League of Florida State University, LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts in Tallahassee, Florida, and the Gadsden Arts Center in Quincy, Florida. She has won award both locally and nationally. She has also had several one man shows and has paintings in numerous private collections. Her paintings can be found at the LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts, the Gadsden Arts Center, and the Glassgrower's Gallery in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Wendy lives in Tallahassee, Florida with her husband and two cats.