

Betty McGlamery

The study and practice of drawing and painting has been an ongoing process for most of sixty years for Betty McGlamery. Betty, a native of South Georgia, works primarily in oils. After years of painting, she still finds that painting is an ongoing challenge. To learn and implement painting techniques, to develop the ability to see and to understand the workings of creativity are all important and that she continues to learn from the masters and to discover and refine techniques that enable her not only to produce a painting that she feels is worthy to share with others, but to have the courage to share a little bit of herself in each painting.

In addition to the art education degree she received from Florida State University, she took extensive courses in the FSU Fine Arts Department including studio classes in drawing and painting. Over the years, she has explored other avenues of making art including stained glass, etching, particularly intaglio printing and the decorative arts. In an ongoing effort to make a living with her art, she worked freelance as a courtroom illustrator for Channel 10 in Albany, GA and Channel 5 in Atlanta, GA. In the decorative arts, she worked with individual clients and interior designers and decorators, completing projects that included faux finishes, glazes, hand-painted furniture and murals. In the nineties, when limited editioned prints were popular, she worked with Trans Design Incorp., a limited editioned printing company in Acworth, GA. Her murals and hand-painted furniture were featured in the Callanwolde Home Christmas Bazaar and Open House, Atlanta, GA (2003) and the "Street of Dreams" Showcase of Homes in Duluth, GA (2002). In 2002, she participated in 'Acworth Pioneer Days' in Acworth, GA and 'A Taste of Douglasville' Arts and Crafts Festival, Douglasville, GA. In 2003, she participated in the Inman Park Spring Festival, Atlanta, the Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition, Decatur, GA where she received the "People's Choice Award", 'Art on the Triangle, Roswell, GA, 'Stone Mountain Arts and Crafts Festival, Stone Mountain, GA, 'Marietta Harvest Square', Marietta, GA and 'Tifton Love Affair Fine Arts', Tifton, GA and in 2004, she participated in 'Riverside Artsfest Inc., Bainbridge, GA and was awarded third place. Also, in 2004, she participated in the 'North Cobb Arts League' in Kennesaw, GA and received Honorable Mentioned.

For the past two years, Betty has been a caretaker for her sister who has dementia. With the help of two other sisters, she is able to return to painting on a limited basis. At eighty, she sees art and painting in particular, for the preciousness that it truly is. If a painting, be it plein-air, abstract or realism, helps us to really see our surroundings and if it shakes us up a little then she thinks that is a very good thing.