

DAWN MCMILLAN

Quincy, Florida

Dawn McMillan received a master's degree in fine arts from Florida State University in 1979, specializing in painting, drawing and printmaking. Mainly a figurative painter, her interests have recently turned to landscapes, using dry pastels to explore the drama created by light, shadow and color.

She has received a State of Florida Individual Artist's Fellowship Award. Through purchase awards her artwork hangs in several public buildings including the Florida Legislative Office Building, the Tallahassee City Hall, and the headquarters of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The environmental watchdog group, 1000 Friends of Florida, has commissioned more than 150 of her paintings that have been presented to top environmental leaders and conservationists — from Governors and Senators to planners and community activists.

Her talent for drawing led her to a career, first as a textbook illustrator, and later as a graphic designer and marketing professional. She has participated in more than 40 solo and group exhibitions and has taught watercolor painting classes at Florida State University and the Gadsden Arts Center and Museum.

Besides her art career, Ms. McMillan has had a life-long interest in history and architecture. She researched and co-authored an Arcadia Publishing *Images of America Series* book on Gadsden County Florida and coordinated a project creating a walking tour booklet and phone app for historic downtown Quincy, Florida. She has designed an educational wayfinding sign system for the Quincy historic district that will be installed in June 2020. She is the past President and board member of the Gadsden Arts Center and Museum, and Quincy Main Street.