



SHIRLEY ANTAK

*For the past couple years, I have not painted. I've been haunted by thoughts of leaving my paint and brushes in the past. Recently, I listened to a sermon that awakened my sleeping creativity. The message was clear. Take your gifts and talents and use them, because that's what you've been called to do. Then, give your gifts back to God without worrying about the results of your endeavors. Now, I'm painting from my heart!*

*I decided to let go of my fear of inadequacy and commit myself to do what I've been called to do. I now paint or do creative work 3-4 days a week for 2-4+ hours. The blessings have been remarkable. Peace, joy and rest are mine! It is also through my offering to God that others are blessed.*

Shirley is a native Oregonian who moved to So. California after graduating from Whitworth University. In 1984, Shirley and her family relocated to Spokane and love living here.

Over the years, Shirley taught elementary school and preschool, numerous art classes, as well as other pursuits. After many busy years, Shirley wants to enjoy living a simple life which includes her renewed passion to paint.

Shirley is a Signature member of the Spokane Watercolor Society and has exhibited her artwork at the Carnegie Art Center, the MAC and numerous shows throughout the Spokane area. Her work is included in private collections in Washington, Oregon, California and New York.