

Gail Johannes, SWS Artist Statement/Bio

"I am an artist... a painter. I'm not here to show people what they can already see, but rather to give them a visual experience they would otherwise never have. I'm here to interpret and preserve the moments that otherwise would have been at least forgotten if even ever known."

I find inspiration in nature and on the road; photographing birds and wildlife, capturing people at work and play interspersed with the beautiful scenery in Northeast Washington. I work the stories, colors and forms captured with my camera into my paintings in impressionistic and abstract ways.

I paint primarily in watercolor and other watermedia.

I currently live in Chewelah, WA. I show and sell my work in local galleries and competitions. I have won several awards in our National shows and have earned Signature status within the Spokane Watercolor Society.

Formerly a dental hygienist, I now fill my days with photography, hiking, gardening, and making sense of some of it in the studio.

~Gail