

## *Gail Johannes, SWS*



*“I am an artist... a painter. I’m not here to show people what they can already see, but rather to capture my experience and give them an experience they would otherwise never have. I’m here to capture 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, paddling and hiking into protected wildlands, 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 currently live in Chewelah, WA, and am an active member of the Spokane Watercolor Society. I regularly 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 SWS.

Formerly a dental hygienist, much of my creative time now is been split between studio work and teaching the medium. Plein air painting, a newly discovered passion, is fast becoming my favorite way to paint and works out beautifully with being on the go!



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