



Mary Lou Martin

Artist Bio

I started painting in 2010, when my friend called me and asked if I would like to go to a watercolor class with her. I like to experiment and try new things, so off I went on this new retirement adventure. I have not had formal training but have taken many classes. Gail Johannes introduced me to some wonderful basic techniques, and I am thankful for her influence. I find I love the connection and camaraderie of being in a group of painters.

I love to walk in nature, especially in the desert near Palm Springs. The contrast of plants and animals found there in that dry region amazes me. When out on a hike in the springtime, there is so much to see. I'll come across wild lavender in bloom along the dry trail, a hummingbird hovering over a flower, a roadrunner roosting in a tree, a palm oasis with a small stream flowing through or a Barrel Cactus in bloom above a canyon. These things inspire me to paint.

My proudest moment in painting is when I have been chosen to be in an art show and have actually sold one of my paintings. I have only entered 3 so far here in Spokane, including a National Show at the MAC.

Artist Statement

I love to experiment and watch colors blend and move. I find that my work includes brighter colors and this is what I love about using the watercolor medium. I can use these bright colors and really make my work pop, which brings me great joy. My goal is to inspire those who see my work to look more carefully at the world around them, to discover its beauty.