



## MARY LOU MARTIN

### Watercolor Artist

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### Artist Biography

Mary Lou Martin was born and grew up in Alameda, California. She always had an interest in art as a child. Her mother modeled creativity as an artist, singer, musician and poet/writer and was a great influence on her life. After high school, Mary Lou worked in San Francisco in insurance for 5 years. She met her current husband in Canada and they moved to Spokane in 1974 so he could finish his Master's Degree. She took classes in pastels, drawing and stained glass. She decided to go back to school in 1980 to finish her degree in Education. She graduated in 1983 and began teaching in grades Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th and 5th and enjoyed the creativity of teaching, designing lessons, and creating projects. She taught for 28 years. Her favorite medium is watercolor. She has been taking watercolor classes in Spokane and also in Palm Springs since she retired 12 years ago. She has participated art exhibits in the last few years, including a national show at the MAC in Spokane. She is a member of the Spokane Watercolor Society and the Artists Council in Palm Desert, California.



"Dahlia"  
Watercolor  
12"W x 17.5"W

### Artist Statement

If I could describe my paintings, it would be that my paintings are bright and bold. I enjoy watching the colors mix and blend on paper. I find that I am drawn to painting flowers and animals. I think that is because I love gardening and the outdoors. Traveling has provided many wonderful opportunities to capture the world around me through art. I am constantly trying new techniques. I think the classes I've taken over the last few years have opened my eyes to all the possibilities and many new techniques. I enjoy the companionship of painting with fellow artists as their work also influences mine. I hope that my paintings bring the viewer joy.