

FSU Medical College- Spotlight Artist

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Senior Center Classes: oil painting, drawing

Born in Chicago, I grew up in the Atlanta area, lived in Germany for three years, and have called Tallahassee home since 1974. At Emory University, I took classes in art history, and then enjoyed visiting all the major European art museums when I moved to Germany. My only drawing experience was a compulsion to doodle in margins.

After two graduate degrees from Florida State University and a 35 year career in counseling services and government, I retired and began my own personal renaissance in 2007. Starting with drawing, watercolor and acrylic painting at Lemoyne Center for the Arts, I progressed to oil painting with local artists Charles Hazelip and Eluster Richardson at the Tallahassee Senior Center. I paint in both oil and acrylic.

Interpreting the joy of living through painting is meaningful to me, not just a hobby. I am moved to draw or paint people, nature, still life, and landscapes as part of everyday life. I have always loved looking at and studying art; and I always dreamed of making it myself. Now I can.

I encourage everyone to take the plunge and indulge yourself. Start with any medium: drawing, photography, or painting. Appreciating or producing art is what defines us and connects us as humans. What we loved naturally as children can be revived in our adult lives.