

## Spotlight Artist

### Nancy Smith

#### ***Where did you grow up?***

I grew up in Kentucky, in the country with three brothers and three sisters. I am the middle child.

#### ***What about your family?***

My husband and I have two children and a grandson whom we reared.

#### ***When did you start painting?***

After retiring from the State of Florida and all the children were reared.

I admired other peoples work. I started from the bottom never having any drawing or painting experience until then. I attended the oil painting class with Charles Hazelip at the Senior Center about four years ago. I enjoyed it so much.

#### ***What do you like about painting and what mediums do you use?***

Others will give their opinion if you ask them and that's helpful to me. I've only used oil medium. Who knows maybe other mediums later on? Right now it's oil. I have started another class at the senior center. It's a drawing class. I'm sure this is going to be a big help. I really don't have a favorite on what to paint. I see something I like and I go with it. I have found people are hard for me to paint. But I will keep trying. I love looking at different artist's work seeing how they paint and reading to see how best something is done and talking to others and getting their opinion on how they would do it. I would advise anyone (especially seniors) to try either drawing or painting. It is so relaxing for me and the friends I meet are so great. Give it a try you will love it.