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My art career started at the age of 28. I was a late bloomer. After my two sons were school-age, I entered Purdue University School of Fine Arts. But life takes us on all kinds of Journeys. I had to let art take a backseat to provide me and my sons an income. But when I say backseat, I used my art training in the Custom-Design Clothing business I ran for the next twenty years. We use Art and Design in all aspects of our Lives, choosing our clothes, choosing Interiors for our homes, and choosing the color of the car we want to drive. Color and design are part of our lives from birth to when we leave this earth.

That was a funny beginning to a biography of an artist, right? I ran my clothing design business for 20 years before moving to Ocala, Florida. I learned what a great artist Community was available to me. After all those years of my art being in the backseat, I had a chance to be my own driver. My training at Purdue was satisfactory, but I have learned far more on my own.

I've been teaching art in Ocala for over 20 years. I love teaching and introducing people to beautiful ways to see color and express themselves using oils, pastels, and acrylics. I love working in all mediums, but acrylics may have won me over because of drying time and no toxic fumes. You just have to learn the techniques of working with their personalities.

I am primarily a figurative painter, but Florida landscapes are intriguing and challenging to work with all that green. I'm always happy when someone loves my paintings enough to buy one or commission a portrait, but being an artist isn't always about the money; it's about something far greater than the money. It's about seeing images of life that inspire you to capture it forever on canvas.

Painting, for me, is an emotional response to the world I live in.