

## Artist of the Month—Diane Pattie

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I originally had aspirations of being a commercial artist or similar type artist, having been a very good art student (4 years),

winning awards and praise in high school. But being the oldest of 6 children in a working class family, there was no money for me to go to school. So my first real job just happened to be working at a high-end camera store, answering the phone and filing. I was there long enough to purchase a 35 mm camera. Eventually I wanted a more sophisticated camera. Several years later my uncle invited me to join the Toledo Camera Club. That was 1986. I was a member for 18 years including 2 years as its president. I learned a lot there although the art element of photography I believe comes from within my soul. Composition comes to me without a thought.

I approached digital with caution in the late 90's with my photography. But once embraced, I realize that it has opened a whole other world. It is not only the next step of photography but also the next step in art for those who choose to use it. It is just another tool in the toolbox. From scratching on a cave wall, to the development of pigments on paper or canvas, I choose to use a camera and a computer.

I print most of my own images, at least up to 13" x 19". I still learn new software and what it can do all the time. New ideas and new techniques are always available.

I have had my own very small photography business since 1998, knowing that I would be retiring in 2001 after 30 years of working for the State of Ohio at the Hospital of the Medical College of Ohio. This included 10 years as a Pharmacy Tech and 20 years as a senior medical/surgical purchasing agent. I moved to The Villages in 2005 and live in the Village of Sunset Pointe with my husband, Bill.

