

## Artist of the Month—Michele Popko



Michele has been an artist most of her life. Growing up in Old Mystic, Connecticut, she started exhibiting her work at the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival and local art shows in her early teen years. Her artistry has been influenced by the cultures and traditions of the many places she has lived including Hawaii, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Rhode Island and New York City.

Her artwork can be seen in many homes and business across the country as wall murals, canvasses, custom-painted furniture, glassware, platters, porcelain knobs, and watercolors. She has shared her expertise by teaching painting classes in oils and acrylics. One

of her most popular courses introduced students to a variety of techniques using stains and patterns for decorative furniture painting.



Michele is best known for her versatility, attention to detail, whimsical designs and color combinations. People come to Michele when they are looking for fine gifts that will be treasured for years to come. She enjoys working with clients to meet their custom needs for themselves or for a personalized gift.

Since moving to The Villages in 2015, she has enjoyed being introduced to several different art mediums including silk dyes which she has used to create beautiful hand painted scarves.

