

Artist of the Month—Lois Kamp



Growing up in West Virginia Lois Kamp had very little exposure to art. Instead Lois had a long career as a OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner with over 30 years in private practice. She considers herself a pioneer in the field.

Since retiring and moving to the Village of Charlotte in 2013, Lois started taking an interest in art. She laughingly calls herself, "A Jane of all mediums and an master of none." I jump from one medium to another trying to "find myself." I like the unusual, something different, not what everyone else is doing.

My artist statement is simple: I am a curious person who likes to play. I have always like to play and I think play has help develop my creativity. Color creates emotion and excites me. I like happy accidents and spontaneous explosions. I like drips of color over the side of a canvas because it reminds me that sometimes life is messy. I don't like to plan my art too much. I like to let things happen and try to stop before I make mud. Much of my art is intuitive art. I pick out the medium and colors, then I get lost in time, enjoying the process,` happy with end results that the universe gives me.

I first started painting in acrylics and watercolors and still do them but I find painting with bee's wax challenging, spontaneous, unpredictable, adventurous, and with a mind of its own. Sorta of like my cat. I am also doing needle felting which I first saw on a trip to Scotland last year. Needle felting is relaxing to me. I paint my pictures with unspun dyed wool rooving. I love touching the wool. I also use the wool to sculpt animals. I paint with alcohol inks because it is PLAY and the most fun. I also paint with tattoo ink, just because. I have many tattoos but they are all on my walls. Recently I have been trying pastels but find that they take too much time and doubt if I will continue with them. I am definitely a child of the 60's and like instant gratification. What's next? Silk painting. I just received a shipment from Amazon. Plus I have a big bag of clay in the garage that has my name on it.

Lois is teaching alcohol ink, needle felting and acrylic classes at Gilda Matilda's, 315 N. Main St, Wildwood.

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