

Artist of the Month—Julie McGlone



Julie McGlone is an *artist, author, and avid cook*, depending on what day it is and how much mess she wants to make. Fifty years ago, she married her childhood sweetheart. That's not a milestone in the Villages, but for Charlie it means 18,250 days of living with paint dripping from tables and counters, along with found objects and stacked up "art" supplies. Propped up on Julie's computer desk is the warning, "A creative mind is rarely tidy."

Julie is a member of the Villages Art League and Visual Arts Association. She enjoys teaching watercolors at Colony Cottage. *"I joined the Future Teachers of America Club in 1963 and have been torturing students ever since."*

Her latest passion is photography- observing shadows, light, animals, and plant life in the world around her. The lily pads and proud heron photos were taken at the Sharon Wiechens Preserve on Moyer Loop.



A bright blue sky and sandy beach, along with the wooden boardwalk of Jekyll Island were captured on a recent trip.



Her Nosey Giraffe is one of her most popular watercolor paintings at art shows.



Julie is the author of Life Takes Detours. The memoir reminds us that life's meaning is found not only in notable occasions but in the tiniest moments as well.

Her favorite quote is from Erma Bombeck: *"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"*

