

# April Artist of the Month

## Wendy Lahey



Note: During the month of April, Wendy will have several of her pieces on display at the Spanish Springs branch of Citizens Bank.

Most of my adult life in Maine was spent raising 3 very active sports-minded children whose father was a high school Athletic Director, in addition to my being the supervisor of the teacher recertification program for the school system. After being widowed in 1994, I began “drawing” upon my childhood artistic talents and took up decorative painting as a hobby. When the decorative painting instructor retired in 1998, I decided to try what I called “real painting” and started taking workshops in acrylics for a short time and then watercolors. I also painted with an informal weekly watercolor group.

When I moved from Maine to The Villages in 2002, I immediately joined The Villages Art League and the Visual Arts Association. It has been a very fulfilling experience to be able to participate in the many art events, workshops, demos, and paint with all the wonderful artists right here in The Villages.

I truly enjoy painting a wide variety of subjects with much attention to detail. I have liked painting with transparent watercolors and being able to layer the colors. My favorite subjects are flowers, which sometimes include crystal vases, and also architectural scenes such as small villages.



I married Ted, a photographer and very avid supporter of my art work, and he’s helped me improve my skills in photography considerably. I have enjoyed taking 1000’s of photos in the more than 20 countries we’ve traveled within the past few years. Now I just need to stay home long enough to take the time to paint some of those wonderful scenes.

My three children live in Maine, Boston, and Tampa, and I have 5 grandchildren, ages 12 years to 6 months.