

## AUGUST ARTIST OF THE MONTH—JULIE MCGOLONE



*H*er sixties have been the most satisfying time of Julie McGlone's life. The daughters are grown, the grandkids are delightful, and she has escaped the surly bonds of full time employment.

*S*he and her husband Charles have been sweethearts since they were sixteen. They have traveled the globe, and Julie always manages to find a cooking or art lesson.

Her new favorite quote is *"Life begins when you get out of your comfort zone."*

*T*hat is exactly how she operates—in the deep end, always seeking new challenges. Julie teaches two watercolor classes at Colony Cottage and two writing classes at the Villages College. Love is a word that gets thrown around a lot these days, but she really does **love** her students. "They are the nicest people in the Villages."

*O*ne day she said to her husband, "Did you ever notice that artists are eccentric and writers are ditzzy?" He didn't skip a beat. "Yes, I'm married to both of them."

*N*othing gives her greater pleasure than working on art projects with her grandchildren. Recently, 2 ½ year old Katie drew the most colorful fish in crayon. Julie showed her how to paint watercolors over the crayon resist. Beaming over her accomplishment, Katie climbed on a chair and got a cup of water. Then she poured it on the fish, the paper and the dining room table. In the calmest voice she could muster, Julie asked the budding artist why she did that. "It has to live!" Who could argue with that logic?

*A*fter thirty years of watercolors, she has taken up oil painting under the tutelage of Sharon Sunbury is Stonecrest. "I need a teacher to tell me when to STEP AWAY. Sharon has a lot of talent and patience."

*H*er latest pictures are attached: "Wild Rose" and "Spring is Just Around the Corner", both in oils. "Fantasy Flight" is batik on rice paper. The problem is – new styles of painting require more supplies to hide when the FedEx man shows up at the door. I should have bought a bigger home."



**"Splash with Us"** watercolor class is held at Colony Cottage on Mondays, except the first Monday of the month, from 1:30-3:30. The Wednesday class is 9:30-12:00 every week. Come see what all the fun is about.