

## AUGUST 2011—ARTIST OF THE MONTH—NAN KOHR



This is quite an honor to be chosen for August. However, I'm really such an amateur artist. There is very little background to give. I took three years of art in high school (so many years ago), a few courses in college and the guidance of a few friends including my mother.

Actually, I think what talent I may have is in the genes I inherited. My Aunt who did portraits of Hollywood stars and starlets and my mother who won ribbons in Honolulu were the talented ones.



I like oil and acrylic painting of all sorts of subjects—whatever catches my fancy. Since moving to the Villages and becoming a member of the Visual Arts Association and the Villages Art League, I have many friends that readily give me advice, especially Mike

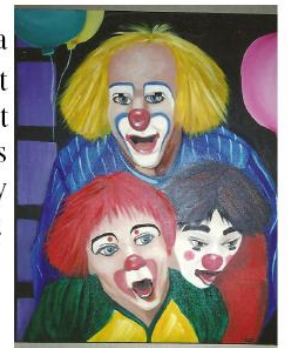
Daley. I have yet to win a ribbon but I have sold 29 paintings in my five years here making some really good friends. It is fun to go into their homes and see my art on their walls.

Most recently, I bought some old fashioned black and gold frames from a thrift store. So I have painted an Irish Castle, a reflective Swedish Lake scene and an English Pantheon and Palladian bridge from the Roman era.



Many of my subjects have a Hawaii (I spent my first 50 years in Hawaii) or Florida theme. (Mike Daley says "Paint what you know!"). I like the paintings of tropical birds, orchid flowers, koi fish and even an alligator.

Often a painting will have a comic perspective that is not just an accident. And I mix it up as not to do similar themes over again. Thanks to my friends, I am always learning.



*Aloha,  
Nan Kohr*