

Artist of the Month—David M. Wrenn



Retired from managing their 60-year old family furniture business in Northern Virginia, David and his wife, June, moved to The Village of Bonita in July 2010. David was born in Washington, D. C. in 1940 and grew up in Fairfax County, Virginia. He graduated from Fairfax High School and entered the Army under the draft in 1958. In the Service David was in the 14th Infantry and became attached to Special Services where he instructed OCS, ROTC and newly graduated officers from West Point in tropical water survival and also competed in swimming and diving competitions. He remained on as an athletic specialist at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After coming out of the Army, David managed the swimming pool and the swim team at a well-known country club in Arlington, Virginia. He then had an opportunity to open his own high-end furniture rep business in Chicago where he lived for several years before returning to Virginia to manage the family business.

David has been an avid golfer from a very young age. When he heard about The Villages and all its golf and amenities, he and June were drawn to the area. They loved what they saw and moved down. About three years ago David had several unforeseen illnesses that prevented him from resuming his golf. That is when his art began. His mother was a fine artist and the gene was certainly passed down to him. His wife, June, saw an unusual form of art called "Zentangle," which is a combination of several interesting techniques, some may call "doodling." Most are done in black and white but after awhile David enjoyed including color. Soon after he felt comfortable with the progress he had made with his drawings, he asked Barbara Wells, a certified Zentangle teacher and resident of The Villages, to look at his work. She encouraged David to continue his drawings which he has done. He has entered his work in several of the art shows, sold many of his pictures and hopes to continue. Since David is not a certified Zentangle teacher, he calls some of his work "Wrenntangles"!

