

Artist of the Month—Fran Naughton



I have loved drawing and painting since my teacher in the first grade brought me to the convent after school and gave me chocolates to encourage me to finish a drawing I started, which won a prize in the Boston Archdiocese Art Fair. I also developed a love for chocolate!

After receiving a degree in education and art from the University of Massachusetts, I taught in Boston and New York City, and was asked to be an advisor for the Annenberg Foundation, which provided grants to schools to help implement the arts.

I also started back painting in oils with an instructor in Scarsdale, where I lived. I had been away from art for several years and enjoyed creating again. I took courses at the

Art Student League in NYC , and participated in a summer program in Aesthetic Education at Lincoln Center.

Moving to The Villages, I found a wealth of like-minded, creative people and opportunities to take workshops from nationally recognized artists, especially at The Village Art Center. I also have entered shows in The Villages, Leesburg, Ocala, and the Florida Watercolor Society and have received several awards , including an award of merit from the Florida Watercolor Society.



I have been on the Scholarship Committee for the Visual Art Association for several years and have been Co-President of the Villages Art League twice and am now Vice-President. It is a great club with talented artists and I'm proud to be a member.

