

Artist of the Month—Lisa Melcher



Unlike many, I did not start drawing/painting when I was a child or teen. I also did not attend college for an art degree. I actually have an Associates in Science, Bachelors in Electrical Engineering and Masters in Automotive Engineering. So now you are probably questioning the whole left-brain versus right-brain theory, right?

After working in Engineering for many years, I went back to school to obtain a degree in Interior Design. I took an elective class titled, "Intro to Design." This class was not what I was expecting at all. It was more of an art class, but when you really think about it interior design and art have a lot in common. You have to consider color, composition, placement, size, In the end, the professor told me I was very talented and that I needed to smile more!



I didn't really start painting until later in life. I initially took a few lessons using oil paint from a friend in her home. I must admit however, she was quite mean and when she didn't like what I was doing, she would grab the brush out of my hand and holler, NO, NO, NO!!! It wasn't until I moved to The Villages 8 years ago that I really started painting.

I currently enjoy painting in acrylics, oils, mixed media work, pastels, pen/pencil, acrylic inks, watercolor..... I get bored easily, so I like to switch up my media and subject matter. Finally, I'll add that my mother loved to paint using oils, although I never watched her paint and she never gave me any

lessons. I love living here in The Villages amongst so many talented artists. There is so much to learn from each and every one of you.

