

Artist of the Month & Program—Lois Kamp

Growing up in West Virginia Lois Kamp had very little exposure to art. Instead Lois had a long career as a OB-GYN nurse practitioner with over 30 years in private practice all over the country. She considers herself a pioneer in the field.

It wasn't until 1990 Lois took her first basic watercolor lessons from Dale Boatman, a retired University of Arizona art teacher. She credits Mr. Boatman for sparking her interest in art and helping her change the way she looks at the world. She stated, "Dale was a great teacher. I can still hear his voice saying, 'Make the painting sing. Alternate, light and dark. Have a path, lead the viewer inside your painting.' Also Mr. Boatman carried a small 3 by 5 inch mat with him and could always find something good in everyone's painting. He was very encouraging. No teacher has lived up to Dale Boatman." Unfortunately after a few months of lessons, Lois moved from Arizona to Oregon and did not take up painting again until moving to Florida in 2003. In Florida she found a Terry Madden instructor and started painting in watercolor; but again life interfere with her art when her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and passed away 7 years later.

In 2014 Lois remarried, retired from work and moved to The Villages, Florida with her husband Gene. Together they have a cat Chessie and are planning to live happily ever after.

In 2018 Lois was diagnosed with inoperable stage 4 metastatic lung cancer. She knows her art has helped her navigate through her journey of living with cancer. Art is my therapy and something I must do daily. She started a blog and you can follow her on the Caring Bridge.

In her demo Lois will be showing artists fun and creative ways to add surprises in your art. She will paint papers on a gelli plate, use Shiva oil sticks, show Inktense blocks on fabric, and then show what happens when you heat Tyveck with a heat gun or iron.



Mixed Media Glue Gun



Wax and Egg Shells



Batik Wax



Wool Fiber Art



Pastel
