

Artist of the Month—Debi Lytle



I was born in Baltimore Maryland. My mother was very artistic but never pursued any type of art career. As a child I loved to do table settings and flower arrangements. One of my favorite pastimes was wearing and decorating hats. I would decorate my mother's old hats, hats for girlfriends and all types of party hats.

I was married at 18 and we lived on a small farm. I grew and canned all of our vegetables, had a large flower garden and two children. There was really not much time for anything else. Eventually, I went back to work as a benefit specialist. In 2014 I retired and we moved to The Villages full time. I took a Wine and Design class and discovered my passion for painting. For the past 7 years I have been taking classes with Diane Knight at El Santiago. I have no professional training in art. I have married my love for hats with my paintings. Many of my pictures are ladies and hats. But, I do not limit myself to this.

