

Artist of the Month—Judee Norton



My name is Judee Norton, I live in Fernandina. My art journey has taken me through many twists and turns. I moved to the Villages from Tellico Village in Tennessee where I lived for seven years. My hometown was Grosse Ile, Michigan. I have never had formal training in art and consider my ability to paint and be creative a gift from God.

At the age of 22, I started sign painting and in those days it was a male dominated occupation. Breaking into that was a little difficult to say the least, so I taught myself. I had my own beauty shop back then, work which I also loved. So I've been blessed with two great careers. While in Michigan I painted many signs and murals, then when I moved to Tennessee I continued to paint and retired from the beauty shop. While in Tennessee I was asked to paint for a new Child Advocacy Center and other charities near Tellico village. That was a real blessing to me to be able to give back to my community.



Not long after moving to Florida I was asked to paint for a women's prison near Ocala, so again I was able to give back my gift of art to so many people who I know really appreciated it. To be able to put color into their surroundings and see what it meant to them was so rewarding. Now I am Painting Golf Carts, motorcycles, interior and exterior walls, clothing, furniture and other projects. I also teach art at Colony recreation center on Tuesday, nine to noon in acrylic and watercolor. Someday I hope to take more time out to do PleinAir oil painting. I also like doing people portraits and pet portraits in oils and acrylic. Drawing has always come easy and that helps so much with large Murals. So when I leave this wonderful world, I hope to have a paintbrush in my hand. Blessings to all of you wonderful artists. Art makes our lives a happier place.

