

Artist of the Month—Carol Reynolds



I was born and raised on a farm in Monmouth, IL, a small town in Western Illinois. I attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. I have been married to Jim Reynolds for 49 years. Together we have 5 children, 8 grandchildren ranging in age from 31 to 12 and one great grandson who is 5.

For 26 years I worked as a secretary for the UAW (United Auto Workers) Sub Regional Office in Moline, IL. I was also elected to the Henry County Board and served for 14 years. I held the position as Chairman of the Health and Human Services committee which included the County Nursing Home and County Health Department. During that time I also served a term as President of the Illinois Democratic

Women. I guess my leadership abilities have turned into art work here as Vice President of VAA and Chairman of VAA "Fall Festival of Art" for 3 years.

After the children left home I took a few acrylic art classes and participated in craft shows throughout the midwest selling mostly personalized wood products that my husband made and I painted!

We moved to The Villages in 2004 and live in the Village of Poinciana. I decided to take watercolor classes around 2008 and have learned so much from great teachers such as Jan Ramsay, Linda Hammons, Pat Jawanda, Julie McGlone, Pam Bennett, Anne Abgott and Mark Polomchak. I thank them for everything I know!! One never stops learning from others! My favorite part of watercolor is the way they blend and turn into something unexpected! I enjoy painting pet portraits, birds, Florida florals and of course my grandchildren! There is nothing better than going to a class in The Villages...Everyone is so nice and helpful. I have made a lot of friends though "art" in The Villages and continue to go to classes!

