

Artist of the Month—Virginia Hughes



Degrees:

Associates in Art, Lincoln Land Community College
Bachelors in Business Management, University of Illinois

After graduating from high school, my goal was to be a professional artist or an art teacher. But I couldn't survive or make a living as an artist and the demand for art teachers was very low. So I pursued a career Business Management. Though the years I continued working on the side with my art. I taught ceramics in the evenings. Later, I started and operated my own floral shop. After fourteen years, I sold my shop and had an offer to work for an upscale interior designer where I made large floral arrangements for car dealers, large companies, and private individuals.

I never gave up with art and continued to work with drawings, watercolors, acrylic paints, collage, photography, stained glass and fused glass. I have won many awards for my artistry in many forms.

Upon retirement, my husband and I relocated to Florida. I started to expand my creativity in fused glass. It all began with making small pieces of fused glass jewelry. Currently, I am into larger designs in fused glass. I have built a following with my glass waves showing movement through the fused glass. I am a visual person and my work with glass has given me the opportunity to continue creating something new, different, and beautiful in every piece.

