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I received a Bachelor in Arts degree and the Outstanding Artist Award of my graduating class from the College of Charleston. After graduating life took me down a different path. For the last 25 years I have been teaching first grade and loving it. When COVID came into our lives my path changed once again. I still teach, but pursue my art at the same time.

In 2021 I was chosen to be a part of the St. Louis Art Fair Emerging Artist Program. Since then I've been invited to show my work in shows in and around the St. Louis and Illinois area and even had a piece displayed on Donnybrook. I was recognized with two awards at the Midwest Salute to the Arts in Fairview Heights on August 25, 2024. I received an Award of Excellence in my category and the Arts Council Choice Award for my iris. I have had artwork at Elliot Robertson CPA from Jan-April 2025 in Springfield, MO, Gretchen Brigham Gallery on N. Union Blvd, Grafton, Illinois and Green Door Art Gallery.

I love working with oils. Oil is a medium which allows more flexibility, the ability to work more freely, changing and forming the image as I go along. I like working large and focusing on an image, its composition, drawing the viewer in, noticing the shape/shapes, texture, and color. I tell my first graders I don't want unnecessary white space, I want big, bold, and beautiful. I just have fun and paint what makes me happy.