

Dr. Betty Oliver PhD



Betty Oliver, a native of St. Simons Island, GA, developed a passion for the ocean and the surrounding marshes growing up on the beaches of the Golden Isles. Attending Saturday art classes with Bill Hendrix (at what is now Glynn Visual Arts), a highlight of her childhood, was the inspiration for continuing the study of art at the University of Georgia. After earning a B.A. in Art, M.A. in Art History, and Ph.D. in Art Appreciation/Aesthetics, Betty joined the faculty of Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, where she served as Professor of Media Arts. She studied with noted watercolor artists Tony Van Hasselt, Judi Betts, Linda Baker, John Salminen, Bettye Carr, David Becker, and Skip Lawrence. Betty is an active member of the Atlanta Artists Center, the Georgia Watercolor Society, the American Society of Marine Artists, Glynn Visual Arts, and the Ossabaw Artists Collective. After retirement she returned to Saint Simons Island and with her husband, maintains a 150 year old log cabin in Dahlonge, Georgia.