

I often think I entered the art world with the curiosity of a two year old pulling a bucket of wall paint over myself. I have forever been fascinated with everything creative. As a young child I enjoyed early tv shows that presented draw along demonstrations, marveled at my older cousin's school art work and being mesmerized with my mother's paint by number paint set. I loved art throughout school years, winning a couple News Tribune weekly children's drawing contests that were then published in the paper. I attended Lincoln University, married, and became the mother of four children, later completing my degree with a B.S. in Art Education. Even before becoming a certified teacher I enjoyed the excitement of helping others achieve artistically, teaching adults folk art painting. Following my college graduation I taught K-8 elementary art in area parochial schools, completing my career at St. Joseph Cathedral School. I have also been privileged to have the opportunity to take watercolor workshops with Marilynne Bradley, David Drummond and color pencil with Ann Kullberg. I appreciate my retirement for the fact that I now have the time to indulge myself in my own art . Last summer I excitedly received a letter stating my watercolor "Dusk on the Dock" had been accepted into the MO Top Fifty at the state fair. It was an amazing moment I will always cherish, having the honor to hang my work among Missouri's finest artists. The fine arts has been a lifetime journey that has brought me new friendships, accomplishment, joy, comfort and healing. I can't imagine my life without it or without sharing it with others.