

Barbara Holt

Artist of the Year - 2024

Barbara joined the Jacksonville Watercolor Society in 2012; she had taken many years of watercolor classes from Hercel Stallard, and entered her first show in 2013. She has entered every spring and fall Show that the Jacksonville Watercolor Society has presented since then, she has received 2 Honorable Mention awards. She has served as VP of Shows for JWS for 8 years and says she would do it again for 8 more (with a smile) and has introduced a student show for the Pine Forest Elementary School for the Arts and volunteers at Westminster Wood Retirement Community as an outreach program for JWS teaching watercolor to the residents.

Barbara's husband was career Navy, and she moved around a lot, she had worked as a substitute teacher while living in Maine, a Girl Scout leader in California, a Regional Cookie Distribution Coordinator in Pennsylvania and now is retired and has devoted her time to art and volunteering. In addition to taking classes from Hercel Stallard, she has taken classes from Ted Nutall, Pat Weaver, Mel Stabin, Suzanna Winton, Nicholas Simmons, Lian Zhen, Charles Reid, David Lobenberg, Ted Head, May Whyte, Michael Holter, Larraine Watry, John Salminen, Linda Wokoun, Libit Jones, Robin Makowski, Pablo Rivera, Linda Kemp and Pam Wenger. Barbara is also a member of the Jacksonville Urban Sketchers group.

