



## Joan Dorrill

**Artist statement:** When studying ancient art history I was influenced by early mosaics and hieroglyphics, and I keep finding hints of this in my more recent art work through the use of color, pattern, graffiti, and collage. The process I use is what helps to bring the image into being. My belief is that an artist always brings something personal to his art work, but it takes time to see it, even for the artist making the work.

**Biography:** Joan was born in Thomasville, GA and spent her childhood years in Madison, FL and Live Oak, FL. She graduated from Florida State University with a BS in Education and from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a BFA in drawing and painting. She was one of the founders of In-Town Gallery in Chattanooga, TN in the 70's and was President first two years. Joan was active in many art organizations and continues with similar activities today. Winning awards and selling to collectors has been part of the process of developing her art career.

Joan was Vice-president of workshops for the Jacksonville Watercolor Society for three years and has won numerous awards in JWS shows including two Silver awards, one Bronze award, and several honorable mentions awards.

In 2010 Joan was invited to become a member of International Society of Acrylic Painters, known as ISAP. Her painting, *Singing Moon* was a finalist in the abstract/experimental category of *The Artist's Magazine 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Art competition*. The finalists were listed in the December 2010 issue of the magazine. In 2011 two paintings were included in a new e-book, *A Walk into Abstracts Vol. 2*, by Sue St. John. This book has recently come out and can be purchased over the internet and downloaded onto paper or electronic book.

**Joan is active in several galleries.** P.A.St.A.ArtGallery, 214 Charlotte St., St. Augustine, FL 32084, ph. 904-824-0251 is a co-op gallery in the old part of town where Joan served as president for a total of 3 terms and held several other offices. Avondale Artworks, 3562 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32205, ph. 904-384-8797 and Island Framers and Gallery, 4106 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080, ph. 904-471-3135

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