

SHARON MAZUREK

“Pick up a Brush and Just Paint...” Recommends Sharon Mazurek

Sharon Mazurek moved from her lifetime home of St Petersburg, FL to Rocky Mount, NC in 1988. Sharon knew early in life she loved all artistic things and over the years she has enjoyed making ceramics, weaving, sewing and clothing design. Sharon had multiple careers during her 30 years working outside her home; as a Sales Representative with several nationally known insurance companies, selling MRO Industrial Supplies, and selling Computer software. She also owned a ladies' boutique in Rocky Mount in the early 90's that specialized in “artistic” specialty clothing and shoes. Sharon has been able to concentrate more on painting since she retired and is enjoying her newest career as an artist, trying to “encourage anyone with any interest in art to pick up a brush and paint even if you don't think you know how to draw”.

A picture she drew in the 2nd Grade of hibiscus was entered in a countywide art contest which won 1st Place. An aunt sent her the 1st sketchbook she owned along with “Famous Paintings,” an Introduction to Art for Young People by Alice Elizabeth Chase for her 12th birthday and launched her lifetime love of visiting museums, which she tries to do in each city she has ever visited.

Sharon began seriously painting in 2005 utilizing acrylics, oils and watercolors on a wide and varied spectrum of subjects including landscapes, animals, abstract art or commissioned portraits. She also experiments with paper collage and “alcohol inks” a method of using colored inks with a wetting solution allowed to “flow” or be manipulated into shapes or into a picture. Sharon has studied and taken workshops with Janet Dixon, Linda Griffin, Lou Everett, Pegi Barnes-Sharpe, Libit Jones, Marilyn Williams, Bob Rankin, David Dunlop and Sterling Edwards.

Sharon is a member of the Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council, the Greenville Museum of Art and the Greenville Brushstrokes - serving on the Steering Committee and as Secretary and Historian. Sharon has also served on the Steering Committee for the Southern Watercolor Society's 34th Exhibition. Her works have been exhibited at the Annual Brushstrokes “Clothesline Show”; Greenville City Hall; the “Turnage Theater” Washington, NC; the Tarboro, NC Annual “Art Bazaar”; My Sister's House Annual Charity Art Show, Nashville, NC; “Charm Night Out”, Rocky Mount, NC; the Bel Aire Artisans Center, Rocky Mount & Studio One, Wilson, NC. Sharon has had solo shows at: A'Tavola Market Café & the Unitarian Church, Greenville, NC; Via Cappuccino and the Women's Clinic, Rocky Mount, NC. Her collectors can be found in NC, FL, GA, TX, AK, OK, NJ, OR and Uganda.