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I grew up in Florida before relocating as a young adult with my parents to Rock Hill, South Carolina, always with the intent of returning “home”. However, my education, career and my family kept me in South Carolina until 2011 when my husband and I returned to Florida in retirement. We chose to live in the Sarasota/Bradenton area because we loved the community, its beautiful beaches, the emphasis on the arts, and in my husband’s case, access to baseball. I enjoy painting nature, whether plants, animals or landscapes but I especially enjoy the Gulf coast and its beautiful scenery. I am very happy to be back home and painting in this lovely area. As a displaying member of the Artists Guild of Anna Maria Island, I have many opportunities to engage with members of the art community in wonderful ways.

Juried Show Entries 2018-2020

Local Exhibitions

Artist’s Guild of Anna Maria Island Annual Art Show:

- Jan 2018: *Show Girls* [Merit award], *Sea Treasures*
- Jan 2020: *Splash!*
- Jan 2021: *Young Methuselah* [Merit Award]

Art Center Manatee

- Jan 2018 Annual Member Show: *Sunshine on a Cloudy Day*
- Jan 2019 “Art Works!” *Backyard Banana Bounty*
- October 2019 “Go Wild” *Queen of the Night*
- Feb 2019 Members Show: *Afternoon at Jackson Square*
- March 2020 “Points of View”: *Arches at San Xavier del Bac*

- July 2020: “Create”: *Wood Stork II*

State Exhibitions

- Jan 2018; Florida Watercolor Society Non-Signature online show: *Storm Warning*
- Jan 2020; Florida Watercolor Society Non-Signature online show: *Afternoon at Jackson Square*
- Sept 2019; Florida Watercolor Society: *Splash!*
- Sept 2020; Florida Watercolor Society – *Woodstork II* [The LaVerne Phillips Memorial Award]
- Feb 2021; Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society: *Young Methuselah*

National Exhibits

- February 2021: NSDAR American Heritage Fine Arts Contest: *By the Light of the Fire*; 1st place, Watercolor