

Biography

Born in Southern California, and raised in the Bay Area, Jill spent many a summer backpacking with her family in the High Sierras. This gave her a love of the out-of-doors and the natural world.

After graduating from California State University, Chico, with a BA in Mass Communications and Photography, she spent 30 years with the federal government in resource management. First as a park naturalist with National Park Service, then as park ranger with the US Army Corps of Engineers, and finally as a wilderness specialist with the Bureau of Land Management. Along the way she married a fellow park ranger and photographer, Les Allert. After retiring in 2007 they created Quail Run Art.

Jill started out as a fiber artist, weaving fabric for prayer shawls. She now works in a variety of mediums: pen and ink, graphite, pastel, oil, watercolor and print making. As she moved around in her career, this lifelong learner has honed her skills at local colleges, including at Lake Tahoe Community College.

