

WILLMA COMBS
NOVEMBER 2022 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Willma Combs has led a varied life but has managed to include art along the way. She began painting in 1967 when her husband returned from Vietnam, and he was stationed at Ft. Hood in Texas. While there, Willma met Maria Brock Jones and participated in an oil painting class with her.

When they returned to Virginia, she quickly found another instructor and continued with art lessons. While living in Virginia, she was widowed and had two young boys to raise. With the added responsibilities, there was little time for painting.

After moving to North Augusta, Willma joined the North Augusta Artists Guild in 2011. Several years later, she left the group due to her work schedule, but has recently rejoined. In North Augusta, Willma has studied with Susan Childs on Artist Row in Augusta. She also studied with Michael Pearson, noted artist from Beaufort, SC. She has also studied china painting with her aunt, Frances Mason, and with noted china painter/instructor, Carol Craig. She works in oil and watercolor, painting mostly seascapes.

