



OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA

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AT THE QUINLAN VISUAL ARTS CENTER



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GROWTH AS AN ARTIST

I grew up in a military family. Being an “army brat” I lived in many places including Missouri, Kentucky, Texas (twice), Germany, Arizona, Georgia, and Tennessee. I’ve been in middle Tennessee for most of my life, and I love it.

Nature has played a big part of my life. My family has always loved being outdoors. As a child, camping, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, cooking out, watching the stars, or playing outside well after dark, was all part of growing up. As an adult, I enjoy being exercise, walking, hiking, playing golf, gardening, and travel.

I started this journey with art as a young child painting, drawing, sewing, and making crafts. I was a nurse for 17 years, and it was about 15 years ago that I revisited art by taking an oil painting class and then a pastel class and I fell in love with pastels. I am now painting in mostly oils, and continue to learn something new every time I pick up a brush! Through art, I have met so many talented artists all over the country and here in the middle Tennessee area. I have now started my own business. I have built a working studio that has six art studios within, a common work area, and a workshop area where a variety of workshops, open studio, and classes are held. "On Track Studios" is located on about 2 acres, and there is plenty of room for painting “en plein air”. I’m learning how to run a business, and developing my own career as an artist. I look forward to meeting fellow artists and teachers during workshops and classes here at On Track Studios.

At present, my growth as an artist continues through mentoring with Dawn E. Whitelaw, and taking workshops with instructors that I admire. Painting is something I love and will pursue the rest of my life.