

## BIOGRAPHY AND ARTIST STATEMENT



**MARGO SETY**

I am a Chewelah native and a third grade teacher who has always creatively dabbled. Growing up, my parents encouraged me to try anything, whether in the kitchen, outdoors, or in the garage. Creative interests and my explorative nature led to art classes in middle and high school, and in college, an art minor with a K-8 teaching endorsement from EWU. My focus has been on watercolor for the last several years. I've hung many solo shows and participated in several juried exhibits, and received local honors for contributions to the arts.

I'm an appreciator, an observer, a smiler, a learner, a grateful painter. I'm happiest when I am creating and problem solving, whether it is painting, adapting a recipe, carving a foam piece for the Chewelah float, or designing a new lesson for my third graders. Painting makes me thankful for the beautiful place I live in and for the people around me. Painting requires attending to details, which guides me to being a better observer, and in turn helps me to become more appreciative of my surroundings. Often I'll be inspired by a subject and end up researching it and learning local history or facts about a certain bird, flower, or location. I value the connections and relationships I've built with those who enjoy my artwork and I feel privileged to share my paintings with others.

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