

## BIOGRAPHY AND ARTIST STATEMENT



**SHERRI THIES**

**BIOGRAPHY:** I was born in Seattle, Washington and moved to Spokane as a young adult. My Education includes Spokane Falls Community College 1988 with a degree in Graphic Design, Eastern Washington University where I received a BA in Studio Art and Art Education as well as a Masters degree in Education. I'm currently the art teacher at Joel E. Ferris High School, Spokane, WA where I began teaching in 1992. The courses I teach include Drawing/Sculpting/Painting, Creative Drawing, Ceramics and AP Design. I am married to Ron and together we have three boys; two granddaughters and three grandsons. I mostly paint in watercolor; sometimes in acrylic; and I like to throw pottery. I'm a signature member of Spokane Watercolor Society.

**ARTIST STATEMENT:** My watercolor paintings include local scenery as well as scenery from my travels to Europe and Africa. I'm drawn to the beauty of nature and the people and experiences that identify location. I'm an avid gardener and gourmet cook expanding to people and food in my imagery. Like the Impressionists, I chase the light. Bold, clean color excites me. When I'm painting, I escape to a world of shapes, color, value, and especially texture. I am intrigued by the play of dramatic lighting and movement. Keeping it fresh is always on my mind. I challenge myself to find new ways to let the paint, paint itself. I support that magic by painting the negative space. I paint in both watercolor and acrylic. I like to build layers of texture with my acrylic paintings that push me to loosen up and get fresh results. My work can be seen at Spokane Watercolor Society juried and member shows.

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