

MARY M. KRUSE



BIOGRAPHY: Raised in Agawam, Massachusetts she currently resides in Nine Mile Falls, WA northwest of Spokane WA. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Regis University, Denver, Colorado. Her business experience includes national call center leadership roles in support of business and consumer accounts. She is retired and enjoys having more time to focus on family, friends, her love of fine art and improving her artistic abilities. She is affiliated with the Spokane Watercolor Society and the Northwest Watercolor Society. Her home studio is in Spokane, WA.

ARTIST STATEMENT: At a young age my parents took notice of my desire to paint and draw and supplied me with professional artist materials. I painted primarily in oils. My first year of college, I majored in fine art. I learned that art and design could be expressed in endless ways and with countless subjects. I worked in New York City for several years where I visited museums, galleries and shops that featured enormously talented artists working in all aspects of arts and crafts. That experience inspired me to continue painting even if part time while working in the business world. Later, while raising my children, I decided to put away traditional oil painting. I turned to easy cleanup and fast drying mediums. I fell in love with the look and versatility of watercolor but I also paint in acrylic and water based oils. Most frequently, my art work tends to capture what nature has to offer for subject matter. I may lean toward an impressionistic interpretation or use a more realistic approach. I enjoy creating an image that is special and unique to my hand and mind. I liken this to a musician who creates a song or writes lyrics that no one else has ever heard. The viewer will know that my art work is original, meant to stir the emotions and be a pleasant experience.

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