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My passion for art started when I was very young. Then, my goal was to draw what I could see. As a self-taught artist, God has blessed me with the gift of creating – be it painting or sculpting.

I started teaching classes at Randolph Technical College in 1981. I developed a line of hand-painted home décor items to be sold internationally and at home sale gift shows in the United States. With the help of 40 employees and a full-time art salesperson, we produced and sold everything from decorative shelving signs, buttons and clocks to screened pillows. My product line had about 200 items with new creations added every year. I sold to many small gift stores but also to larger retailers like Macy's, Disney and Harrod's of England while adding representatives France, Italy and Sweden.

After 13 years, I needed a change from the gift industry. I moved to England and traveled extensively exploring the art and culture of many different countries. After returning to the United States, I lived in Florida and pursued an assortment of art-related activities. In Lakeland, Florida, I participated in an expo where we replicated the Jerusalem walls and its many gates. In St. Petersburg, Florida, I taught art to developmentally challenged adults and did several indoor murals.

In 2010, my husband, Michael, and I moved to Sanford, NC to be close to my daughter and her family. I joined the Sanford Brush & Palette Club shortly after. I partnered with a local radio station to display the different mediums of my art. From there, I was asked to be on the Sanford Public Arts committee whose mission is to enhance the beauty of Sanford through different art projects. Some of the projects I was able to work on include:

- A mural showing soldiers going off to fight in World War II. (2015)
- A 3-D mural on Yarborough's wall illustrating the history of dairy as portrayed by the cows and through the children enjoying the ice cream that was produced. (2016)
- A mural depicting the history of Tobacco on the Sanford Rent-All building.
- A whimsical mural called "When Pigs Fly" was commissioned for the Piggly Wiggly towards children dreaming big and succeeding. (2017)
- An interactive mural on the wall of Suggs Insurance, in collaboration with the Sanford Brush & Palette Club, that showcased the many different forms of art that Sanford enjoys.
- A mural for the Town of Aberdeen with symbolic expressions of its history and values. (2018)
- A mural of a butterfly in downtown Sanford (Charlie Watson Lane) where people can come, enjoy art and take pictures of themselves with wings. (2020)

Today, my goal is to use my talents as creatively as possible.