



DORIS SMITH GULLEY

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Doris Gulley has been active in art most of her life. Although initially self-taught, she has taken lessons from national and local artists as well as a variety of workshops from Ohio to North Carolina: Bob Burrige, Chuck McLaughlin, Lee Fritch in West Virginia, Carolyn Jasper and Mike Rooney at Jerry's November weekend, Connie Winters, and Frank Pierce of Southern Pines. She took courses in art history and design while in college and was an active member of a life-drawing group in Ohio where she developed her love of drawing people and the human figure.

Doris enjoys experimenting with different mediums and new techniques and likes to represent her subjects from a unique perspective. Most of her art is a reflection of what piques her imagination and she strives to have her paintings elicit a feeling in the viewer. She normally prefers to paint in oils but has recently spent much of her time working on new techniques with acrylics. She has also started doing pet portraits that works better for her in oils and charcoal. Her work is mostly representational but has returned to abstract painting as a way of expressing feelings during COVID19.

Ms. Gulley's major artistic influences are people, color, and emotions, both her own and what she sees in others. Many things can spark her artistic instincts and push her to apply it to canvas: color, faces, flowers, skies, landscapes, beach scenes, whimsy. She says her artistic style may best be described as eclectic. She also says she loves what she does because it is a part of who she is.

Ms. Gulley was born and raised in Texas. She moved to North Carolina from Ohio in 2000. She holds a Masters in Education, Community and Rehabilitation Counseling, and a Bachelor's degree in psychology, both from Ohio University, Athens. Prior to her retirement in 2005, Doris worked as a counselor for at-risk adolescents and their families in Ohio and in North Carolina. She also taught Exceptional Children and was principal of the school at the Eckerd Wilderness Camp in Candor, NC. Since her retirement, she has been following her childhood dream of pursuing her art full time. She is a member of the Sanford Brush and Palette Club where she has won numerous awards for her work, the most recent was the First Merit Award for her painting, "After the Storm."

Ms. Gulley has displayed her work at the Eye Candy Gallery & Wine Bar in Southern Pines, NC; at the Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC; in Richmond, VA; ArtWorks in Vass, NC; and currently at Raven Pottery in Southern Pines and Eloise's in Aberdeen.



Unexplained
Acrylic 11 x 14



A Crooked Mile
Acrylic 16 x 12



Funky Flowers
Acrylic 12 x 16