



# Kathy Hall

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I have been interested in art for a long time and have done a lot of sketching. I was not formally trained but was challenged by a friend of my husband to try painting with acrylics on my own. Because of my success teaching myself, I thought I would enjoy taking a class. I took an oil painting class at a local craft store. The artist, teacher had me bring in photos to paint. It was a small class, so I got lots of individual attention. He taught me how to improve my paintings by working on contrast, balance, values, and movement.

After I had my family, I put my art passion on hold. When my children were a little older, I got together with some neighbors who were also interested in painting and got back into doing some more oil painting.

Again I put my painting interest on hold after I started teaching, but now I am retired and have focused my attention back to painting. I started by taking classes at Aurora Center for Active Adults, working with various mediums: acrylics, oil, pastel, Copic markers, and colored pencils and sketching. The Covid scare made me feel very isolated. Therefore, to brighten my spirits, I began painting everyday and took many online classes, starting with Canvas and Cocktails and then moving more toward watercolor and doing my own thing. I took many online classes with: Randy Hale, Kathleen Lanzoni, Mike Willdrige, Roisin Cure, and other classes with the Watermill of Posara, Etcher, and ShopKeeperArty. I also attended Watercolor Live online, and I am a member of a Zentangle group.

I am a member of the Aurora Art Guild, Park Hill Art Club, Colorado Watercolor Society, Parker Art Club and the Boulder Art Association. I am secretary and newsletter editor for the Aurora Art Guild. I have also been attending an online weekly critique group with the Boulder Art Association.

My original artwork comes from Plein Air experiences with the Parkhill Art Club and from photos I taken when I go hiking and go on vacations. I have also dabbled in Abstract Art and Zentangle Art. I have done some mixed media projects. I am currently taking a watercolor class, painting whimsical animals and plants, which has been a fun experience.

My work has been shown in a variety of national and regional shows. I participated in the Gateway to the Rockies Show in 2021 and earned the Aurora Art Guild award. I also participated in the Lone Tree Art Expo, and I was a National Arts Program winner earning 3rd Place in 2021. I have displayed and sold work at Windsor Gardens, Heather Gardens and I received an honorable mention at the Parkhill Art Show.

## ***Personal Statement as an Artist:***

I'm always trying to capture the moment and the simplicity of nature. I enjoy doing Plein Air paintings and go to different location with the Parkhill Art Club, which has led me to a greater appreciation of nature. There is no substitute for fresh air and being onsite. I also get inspiration from my weekly hikes. My goal is to share my vision and feelings of what I paint with my viewers.

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