



## *Meet The Artist Sharon Dumas*

Sharon Dumas and her husband, Chuck Dumas, live in a rural area near Hot Springs, Arkansas with a dog and several rabbits. Sharon earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in the mid-1960s. After retirement and a cross-country move to Arkansas, Sharon began taking refresher art courses in Portraiture, Landscape, and Advanced Painting at National Park Community College (NPCC) from locally recognized artists, Ovita Goosby, Thad Flennigan, and Lana Taliaferro.

Sharon loves painting portraits especially of animals. She has been rescuing domestic rabbits for over 22 years and when not doing commission work for others Sharon paints her rabbits in whimsical and unexpected surroundings. With these portraits, she hopes to enlighten others about these deserving and often neglected animals.

Sharon belongs to the Traditional Art Guild in Hot Springs. In keeping with her love of animals, Sharon has been a member of the House Rabbit Society (an International rabbit rescue group) for more than 22 years and a co-founder of the Arkansas Pet Rabbit Network. Proceeds from sales of her original works, prints, and art cards are donated to these rabbit rescue groups.

Sharon works in oils on canvas or linen and many of her paintings are also available as artist prints and gift cards. Sharon's portraits have been displayed in many venues in Hot Springs and she was a finalist in the 2012 Diamond National Art Exhibit and the 2013 Regional Art Show sponsored by the Fine Arts Center of Hot Springs.

View Sharon's art on the following three pages.







