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Brenda McDowell



Brenda McDowell - Alias BJMcDowell - was born in Dumas, Arkansas in 1951. Moved to El Paso, Texas in 1957, graduated there and went into the US Navy, traveling Morocco, Europe and the US in the process. Coming back to Arkansas in 1981, living in Redfield and Saint Charles (East end of the White River Delta) before moving to Mt. Ida. She has shown and sold her work in the Stuttgart, Arkansas with the Stuttgart Artists Guild.

The deep richness of the delta, the vividness of the western sky and the earthiness of the desert colors have all played a role in her creativeness “I was a little late getting started as an “Artist”, I didn’t even pick up a “weapon of creation” until I was 45, I took a basic “you can paint with oil” class, oh yes I did, and instantly fell in love”. Loving the bright colors of a sunset, the smooth designs in flowing water and the lines of farmhouses, fences and long tree lined roads. From that moment on, I have tried to express my art with oil, acrylic or watercolor. I have started exploring the abstract world and am intrigued with the unlimited freedoms.

For me, Art is an expression. It is a personal sharing of one person to those that see it and “Get it”. It is soooo many things, thought, love, hate, doubt, fear and all those things exciting in our world, today, tomorrow and tomorrow’s tomorrows..