



BARBARA SHOPE

Barbara has been painting with watercolors since her retirement from the Binghamton City School District in 2001, where she taught remedial reading and the elementary grades. She majored in History of Art at Wellesley College and enjoyed her studio courses. However, marriage, children and teaching filled her days until retirement.

She began taking watercolor lessons in 2004 in Big Pine Key, Florida, and found her passion. She has taken workshops with Marion Simpson, Kathy Smith, Lian Zhen, Julie Joyce, Joe Fettingis, Steve Rogers, Lynn Ferris, and Karen Leffel-Massengill. She has won many awards both in Binghamton and in Florida, including Best in Show in 2010. Barbara has presented watercolor workshops at Roberson museum, Lyceum, the Johnson City Senior Center, the Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier, and in Florida.