## Master Artist-Instructor Bio: Christine Reichow AWS NWS TWSA SWS WW FWS



Growing up in rural Michigan, Christine developed a love of nature. At an early age, her father taught her to observe the nesting birds and to identify their individual melodic warbling. The name of each tree, plant and flower became familiar to her because of her father's influence.

Christine was inspired by her mother, a lifelong artist, to study art and design. She chose to major in clothing and textiles at Michigan State University and created hand-dyed and hand-woven pieces using natural textiles. Upon completion of her studies, she continued to be an active member of the Michigan Weavers Guild and began painting on silk to create one-of-a-kind clothing. Her unique "wearable art" was displayed in prestigious boutiques from Detroit to New York. She opened her own boutique in Howell, Michigan where she sold her pieces along with other artists' work for ten successful years.

Christine moved from Michigan to Florida where the wonders of nature inspired her to paint. With the ability to blend colors and create luminosity, watercolor became her medium of choice to showcase Florida's natural beauty. "I strive to stir emotion. My desire is for the beholder to experience the serenity of a landscape, the splendor of a bird, the richness of a flower." Christine Reichow is a renowned watercolor artist.

Nature is her subject of choice. Her work hangs in public and private collections throughout the world. Along with magazine, newspaper, and television features, she has received numerous national awards. She was invited to show her art in the prestigious 2019 through 2024 Fabriano in Acquarello exhibitions in Fabriano, Italy. She is a Signature Member of the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society, Southern Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, and the Florida Watercolor Society.

Her art can be viewed at Tower Gallery on Sanibel, Island Visions in Fort Myers and on her website. Her showroom, located in Estero, is open by appointment.

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