

**Artist bio:**

Kathy has a Bachelor of Science degree in art education and taught art several years before a successful career as an information system analyst for the Illinois Department of Transportation. After retiring in 2012, she relocated to Fort Myers Beach to pursue her lifelong dream as an artist.

She exhibits regularly in Florida and Illinois. She is a member of the Southwest Florida Pastel Society, Bonita Springs Center for the Arts, Fort Myers Beach Art Association, Illinois Prairie Pastel Society, and the Springfield Art Association. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her artwork. Many of her originals are in private collections in the United States, Mexico, Columbia, and France.

Kathy was the facilitator of the FMBAA portrait/ figure-drawing class before Hurricane Ian destroyed the building. She is eager to learn and enjoys exploring various mediums to create challenging and intriguing abstract paintings. Kathy is passionate about the "process," as well as the end product. She desires to share her knowledge and love of art with the viewer and her students.

