

Artist-Instructor bio:

I graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, with a BA in art, specializing in cast-bronze sculpture. I've also studied painting both at university and under several professional artists. My medium of choice is acrylic paint, although I love working with oils and multi-media projects.

Until recently, my art has been primarily representational. I was inspired by nature, by the play of light on an object, and by my other passion, travel. Two periods of time living in Greece in the 1980s inspired a series of paintings of boats on beaches, as well as a series of cast-bronze sculptures based on Greek tragedies.

Now, a member of The Estero Art League, I show my art at both locations of Coco Art Gallery, Coconut Point in Estero, and the Coastland Mall in Naples. In December 2024 I accepted the position of Secretary of the Board of the Art Council of Southwest Florida and as of April 2025, I am also one of four new directors of the Coco Art Gallery in Estero.

Within the last few years, my art has shifted from only representational to include abstract as well. I see the former as the prose version of two-dimensional art and the latter as the poetic realization of the medium. Now I'm more inspired by dreams, by colors, and by pattern. One painting seems to lead directly to the next, frequently via dreams.

