

Artist of the Month—Diane (Deyan) Carlisle



I am originally from Ohio and have lived here permanently for 3 years. I have been in VAL for two years now. I have had no formal art education but I know I have a God given gift of art. I started out 54 years ago learning to tole paint from books at the library and then moved on to books in oil painting, especially Helen Van Wyk books. From them I learned color mixing and placement of objects in a painting.

I was a florist for many years and after leaving that industry my daughter and I did wall murals and wall finishes for decorators in the Cleveland area. I work now in oil, acrylic, watercolor and pencil.

I have had my work shown in art shows in Ohio and Phoenix, AZ where I have been privileged to win a best in show and 1st place. I had belonged to the miniature art society of Florida where I had 3 pictures accepted and sold 2. I have enjoyed entering and showing my work here for the last year with both the VAL and VAA respectively. My latest miniatures have been the tea bag book marks, a miniature picture on a used tea bag.

The name Deyan is a paint name that was derived from my last name then (Dey) and the 'an' to make it Diane spelled differently.

