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Arts Alliance Opens Two New Solo Artist Shows

Exhibits Run through January 2016

Sally Marie Goldsmith
Charles County Commissioners
Gallery



Sally was born in La Plata in the former Physicians Memorial Hospital, grew up in the Nanjemoy area and attended Charles County public schools. She got married, had two children, drove a school bus while raising her family, and then started working for the Charles County Public Schools in the Food Service. She worked her way up to Food Service Manager, worked for 19 years, and then retired three years ago.

In 1976, Sally's husband bought her an art set. She tried to paint but nothing

Jan Norton
Charles Regional Medical Center
Gallery



Jan and her husband, Tom, have five children, nineteen grandchildren, and on October 1, they had their 10th great grandchild.

As a child, Jan loved art. Coloring books were her form of entertainment. Then, in her 30s, Jan got acquainted with oils and found out how easy it was to use them. She was fascinated with the colors and mixing them. Jan would paint some of the old masters using the grid method. It was a good way to learn, but with raising children and

came out on canvas. She put the set away, but did drawings and crafts because she found them easier to do.

After studying the techniques of artists such as Bob Ross, Brenda Harris and Donna Dewberry, Sally wanted to try painting again. Acrylic paints became available and she found they dried faster. That was back in 1992. Sally started painting and giving her artworks away as Christmas presents to family and friends. She even painted school mascots, as well as the scenery around her property.

Sally has entered her art in the Charles County Fair and exhibited at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center. Her most recent painting was not on canvas but on molds of Old Durham Church, which were sold at their annual festival this past August.

Sally's artworks are available for purchase. She can be reached at sally1264@yahoo.com.



Hibiscus of Iron On
by Sally Marie Goldsmith

The Commissioners Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

All the artworks for both shows are available for viewing online at www.charlescountyarts.org and selecting the Gallery tab.

working, Jan got away from painting.

In the 1980s, Jan took a class at Southern Maryland College with Mr. Chappellear, and her interest was renewed. In his class, she used a 4" x 6" photograph and, in three days, painted it on a 3' x 4' canvas. In 2003, Jan took classes in acrylics and joined the Southern Maryland Decorative Painters. Through them, Jan was able to go to conventions and take classes from the best teachers in oil and acrylics.

Jan has also ventured into watercolors, and pen and ink, which consists of drawing the picture and then putting all of the details in with the ink. The drawings can either be in black and white or blended with oil colors.

Jan teaches in her home. With the help of the Charles County Arts Alliance, she has displayed her work in the United Way Building, the Commissioner's Gallery in the Government Center, the La Plata Senior Center and twice in the Waldorf West Library.

Jan's artworks are available for purchase. She can be reached at tnortonmd@comcast.net.



Mother Tiger and Cub
by Jan Norton

The Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, daily.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information, contact the Arts Alliance at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or www.charlescountyarts.org.

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