

Demonstrator – February 2011



Elaine Waters

Elaine attended Washington State University for 2 years, then transferred to the U of A in Fairbanks and graduated in 1962. Her 2 year teaching career (kindergarten in Kirkland, Washington and second grade in Anchorage) ended when she met and married the love of her life, Bobby L. Waters in 1965. She adopted Bobby's children, Rochelle and Wayne, and later, Dean and Melissa were born and completed their family. They lived in Anchorage until 1981 and then moved to Phoenix. They were very active church members and Elaine always assisted in the church music programs. Bobby was a General Agent for Minnesota Life and Elaine became active with local art groups and began teaching oil painting in 1988.

Bobby passed away in 2003 and since that time, Elaine has continued to be very busy with art and other enjoyable pastimes. Elaine has also been playing the piano for Chapel Services at two retirement residences for 12 years. She really enjoys working with the Seniors there.

She is a member of five Arizona art organizations and really enjoys leading the critiquing sessions for two of the groups. Her paintings have received many awards in local exhibits. Besides the League activities, she teaches three painting classes a week and occasionally demonstrates her oil and acrylic painting skills at art league meetings.

While Elaine loves to paint with oils, acrylic and watercolor, her real love is the teaching of painting skills to her classroom students. She loves to see her students mature in their painting abilities and is thrilled to see them receiving awards at local art exhibits.

Never just relying on the painting of "comfortable" art subjects, Elaine is always ready for a challenge .. "can I do that?" ... What would happen if..? I wonder if that would work? How can I make it better? Is this the best I can do with this painting? ...

"I firmly believe that we, as artists, should never be satisfied with less than our best at any time"