

Linda Stonestreet Biography

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The last 26 years have been spent raising my children (3 sons) and running the small business that I started with my husband in 1981. Now, with 10 employees to ease the workload, I can devote time to what was my first love way back in high school - Art. Though I didn't get a degree in Art, I always worked at it on my own. Then, in 2004 I was able to take personal classes from a local artist, Susann Cole. Now I not only had the love and the artistic vision but I also had the tools and techniques I needed to create both abstract and realistic paintings. I have also become a member of Allied Artists of West Virginia.

My studio is a little unorthodox. I paint in various locations in my home. There are large windows for abundant natural light, a high ceiling, and a hard wood floor. Since we live on the top of a mountain surrounded by woods, the view is breathtaking. And since we consistently put out food for birds and deer, the parade of wildlife is never ending.

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