

# The Artist of the MONTH



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Eleven years ago my daughter gave me some canvases when I retired.

I think she wanted to encourage me to take up art again after several decades absence.

In my 20's I had dabbled with painting and drawing and had painted some wall murals in my children's and friend's rooms. I really didn't feel I was good enough to continue painting in any serious way. Plus raising my children along with a writing career took a lot of my time. I didn't begin to paint again until I was 70 years old. I had read somewhere that painting would help with the arthritis I had begun to experience. I really believe using your hands doing something you love, be it painting, drawing, crafts, gardening, can really make a difference in your health and wellbeing. It has helped me considerably.

About three years ago I began with watercolors and, more recently, have added acrylics and powdered graphite on Claybord. I particularly enjoy the challenge of painting faces and landscapes. I continue to take classes with the York Art Association and this has been a blessing.

They have so many talented instructors there.

I hope you enjoy my work as a budding artist. Thank you for visiting and supporting the Arthur Hufnagel Public Library of Glen Rock!

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