

Jean Oakley was born in Yorkshire, England and moved to the U.S. with her husband and 3 children. She spent 12 chilly winters in Minneapolis before moving to Raleigh in 1988.

Jean has a life long love of art and over the years she has explored a variety of directions and media. For the past several years she has focused on watercolors and acrylics.

Jean has studied art, both in the US and in Europe with a variety of artists, notably: -Charles Reid, Neil Watson, Carl Dalio, Polly Hammett, Carol Barnes, Luanna Winner, and Bob Rankin. She spends part of each summer vacationing and painting in Europe.

Jean loves the color of flowers, “still-life” and painting “Plein Air”. Her most recent interest is painting trees in acrylics, using imagination and color. She is a member of the “Water Color Society of North Carolina” and “Sertoma Park Artists”.

Jean has exhibited at several locations in North Carolina including: Winston Salem: Rocky Mount Arts Center: Jordan Hall, Cary: Sertoma Arts Centre, Raleigh: Visual Arts Centre, Raleigh: Wake Medical Hospital and Cary Ballet Conservatory. Her work can also be seen at the “Galleria” in Clarksville, VA.