

Cécile McNulty

My name is Cécile McNulty. I am French Canadian and have been a resident of Benicia, CA since 1990. I have recently found my passion, painting. All of my life I have been interested in art, yet raising a family and my career were my priorities before retiring in June, 2014. Eager to begin formally exploring the world of art, I started by taking "Self Expression, Mixed Media" classes at Arts Benicia. I soon realized that when I was creating a collage piece it felt like I was painting with paper. This inspired me to try painting. Lucky for me, in the spring of 2015, I met a great lady and artist, Lynn Montes, who got me started painting. I immediately fell in love with oil and was quickly addicted. Every time that I finish a painting I feel proud of what I have accomplished. Early I was painting our family pets and that soon led to exploring other subjects. I have enjoyed doing a few pieces in acrylic, but oil is my primary medium of choice at this time.

Since 2015, I am very fortunate and honored to have had six paintings selected for Arts Benicia juried shows: "Gems III", "The Art of the Toy", "Celebrating the Sierra Nevada" and "Table Testaments" and the current show "Pure Paint" where two of my painting were selected. I have also shown works in five of the Arts Benicia "Art of the Community" exhibits and in one of its Open Studios.

I hope you will enjoy my painting.

Classes/Personal Development:

Fall 1996 - Introduction to Drawing at Solano Community College
Sept. 2015 - Self Expression, Mixed Media with Lorie Marie Jenkins at Arts Benicia
Jan. 2015 -Self Expression, Mixed Media with Lorie Marie Jenkins at Arts Benicia
Jan. 2017 - Drawing Basics with Larnie Fox at Arts Benicia
Jan. 2018 - Open Painting with Larnie Fox at Arts Benicia
Jan. 2019 - Basic Painting with Anthony Riggs at Arts Benicia

Art of the Community at Arts Benicia

January 2017, January 2018, January 2019, January 2020, January 2021

Juried Shows at Arts Benicia

December 2015 - Gems III
December 2016 – The Art of the Toy
October 2019 – Uplift: Celebrating the Sierra Nevada
November 2019 – Table Testaments
November 2021 – Pure Paint

Open Studio

May 2019