



## Featured Artist

# Lana DeLong Davis

## At the Art Circle Public Library

Lana DeLong Davis has long experienced a special feeling of inner peace and happiness when picking up a paint brush or pencil to express herself. She discovered these feelings as an adult while teaching fourth graders at Harding Academy in Memphis in all areas of the curriculum, including art. Having to create bulletin boards and learning games for the students made her realize that she had a talent she needed to develop.

After receiving a Masters of Art in Teaching at Harding University in 1974, Mrs. Davis taught third grade in Texas. It was at this time that she decided to make art a part of her personal life. She started attending a studio where the director gave her tips on how to make her oil paintings better. In 1978, Mrs. Davis moved to Crossville, Tennessee, as the wife of J.C. Davis and as a reading teacher in Cumberland County Schools. After their sons, Jason and Landon, were born, Mrs. Davis's personal time was consumed with being a wife, mother, and teacher; leaving little time for painting.

Upon retiring from teaching in Cumberland County in 2009, Mrs. Davis decided to give more attention to improving her artistic talent by taking advantage of various art classes offered in the community, including one on drawing at the Art Circle Public Library. As she began to branch out into pastel, ink, and watercolor mediums Davis entered her artwork in the Cumberland County Fair.

Much of the art on display was entered in the 2018 Cumberland County Fair. Among the pictures of flowers, portraits, ocean scenes, landscapes, still life and animals several types of medias were used including oil, watercolor, ink, pencil, pastel, fabric and charcoal constituting pictures of flowers, portraits, ocean scenes, landscapes, still life, and various animals. These pieces are the product of a primarily self-taught artist who hopes that the viewer will have as much pleasure in them as the artist did in creating them.

**View Lana's artwork at the  
Art Circle Public Library  
during the month of November 2018.**

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