



Sharon Stolzenberger

Sharon graduated from the School of the Dayton Art Institute and began her career in art with Gibson Greeting Card where she was an illustrator, then an art director. She spent several years in commercial art before going out on her own to sell her paintings at the outdoor art fairs nationally and through other juried exhibitions.

Teaching has become a new direction in her career. She teaches mixed media workshops for organizations and is currently teaching watercolor classes through Sinclair Community College and Rosewood Arts Centre in Dayton, Ohio.

ARTIST STATEMENT

In my work I try to convey the appreciation I have for wildlife and nature along with my passion for watermedia. I love the spontaneity of the loose, wet-in-wet applications of watercolor, but find the experimental, mixed media techniques equally demanding and exciting. Crows and prairies have been themes in my work for some time. They have led to growth in my work by encouraging experimentation

with materials and helping me find new ways of interpreting familiar themes.

My work is based on onsite drawings, photo references I've taken and hands on experiences. I've traveled to Peru Africa, India and Nepal. I was a Volunteer Educator at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Center for Forty years.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The Creative Artist by Nita Leland, North Light Books, *Drawing and Painting from Nature* by Cathy Johnson, Design Press: *The Best of Wildlife II*, North Light Books, *Confident Colors*, by Nita Leland, North Light Books; *The New Creative Artist*, Nita Leland, North Light Books, Work selected for *Acrylic Works 8*, 2021 published by Artists Magazine.

SELECTED EXHIBITS

Ohio Watercolor Society annual exhibitions and Travel Shows
-Society of Animals annual exhibitions and Travel Shows
-National Geographic Society Explorers Gallery, Washington, DC
-Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, Charleston SC
-National Zoo Wildlife Show
-Pacific Rim Wildlife Show

SELECTED AWARDS

-Jim Brower and Ohio Watercolor Society Lifetime Achievement Award, 2022
-Honorable Mention, *Acrylic Works*, 8 Magazine, Artists' Magazine
-Ohio Watercolor Society Annual Exhibitions, Silver Award, Awards of Distinction
-Middletown Art Center's Regional Art Exhibitions, Best of Show, First Place

Elected Memberships

Ohio Watercolor Society, board of Trustees

"Creative Play"

A Watermedia and Mixed Media Workshop
October 5-6, 2026
presented by the Fairborn Art Association (FAA)
221 N. Central Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio 45324.