

# Janice B. Reifsnider

resides in New Haven, IN and comes from a family of artists. Her mother was a painter and her father a woodcrafter. One brother was an architect, another brother is a glass artist and art professor, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> half-cousin was the famous Indiana artist Wayman Adams.

After graduating from Muncie Central High School, Janice went on to earn a BA in Art Education from Ball State University, and an MA from University of St. Francis.

Janice taught art at all levels for the East Allen Co. School Corp., primarily at Woodland High School and later at New Haven High School where she retired in 1983.

For 9 years, Janice taught adult painting classes in Decatur. She also conducted art classes for women in her home for about 6 years.

Teaching has required that Janice be knowledgeable in all facets of creativity, but she always felt she excelled in ceramics. Her works and teaching since retirement have been exclusively in watercolor. However, Janice has recently expanded into pastel portraits.

As a member of the Ft. Wayne Artist Guild, Janice has exhibited her work there, as well as at the Watercolor Society of Indiana, the Ft. Wayne Museum of Art, and Artlink Gallery. Janice has won several ribbons for her exhibited work.

Janice's Philosophy of Creativity: Human beings are the only creatures that have the ability to express themselves creatively. We design and decorate our homes, we arrange flowers, we plant decorative gardens, and we select our clothing – we make all those everyday aesthetic decisions. We all have a “spark” of Creativity, but like a well, even if it holds water, it may need to be primed before it brings forth water. We all need to express our own creativity and let it flow.