

Jo is a native of Cherokee County and is a retired teacher. She was never formally trained in sketching and painting until the summer of 2014 when she began studying with Cloud Farrow at the Cherokee County Public Library. Since that time she has trained in oil painting with John Martin and is currently receiving instruction from prominent water-colorist Elaine Henry Dawson. Jo works in graphite, pastels, oils, acrylics, watercolors, and pen and ink.

Having been raised in a farm family, she expresses her fond memories of country living and her passion for animals in her art. One particular interest of Jo's is working with individuals and families to commemorate treasured family pets both present and past by working from photos. She especially loves capturing the spirit of each individual animal by creating a one of a kind remembrance. Her current project is painting a "cotton field" mural in the basement of the museum.