



## *Jane Collin, Artist and Instructor*

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### **Biography**

Jane moved to Ft. Lauderdale in 1971 from Oklahoma, and calls Ft. Lauderdale her home. After an executive career in non-profit organizations, Jane turned her passion, art, into a new, full-time career. She studied painting with Frank Ryan who is most noted for his artwork on the Jackie Gleason show. In addition, she studied with numerous nationally known artists. Working primarily in watercolor, casein, and mixed watermedia, Jane's work is representational. She typically paints figures and portraits, capturing the emotions and feelings of her subjects.

Drawing on her experience as a corporate trainer, Jane teaches beginning and intermediate watercolor at ArtServe in Ft. Lauderdale. She encourages students to make progress, not perfection. The classes are well structured with lesson plans, demonstrations, and time for students to explore their own styles. Her classes are positive and uplifting.

Jane holds a Master's degree from Florida Atlantic University. She is a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society and serves on the Board of Directors of Gold Coast Watercolor Society. She is also affiliated with the Southern Watercolor Society and the National Association of Women Artists. Her paintings are in numerous corporate and private collections.

### **Artist Statement**

Nothing intrigues me more than capturing the complexity of the human spirit. I want the viewer to see a range of emotions and be just a bit curious about what is happening in my paintings – much like the “Mona Lisa” phenomena whose smile has haunted generations.

I find the process of painting in watermedia as intriguing as the people in the paintings. The medium is so versatile. The drips and runs, happy accidents, scumbling, glazes, and colors intermingling make painting an uplifting and spiritual experience for me that is as unique as the people I paint.