

BONNIE GLEASON

Bonnie has a BA and MA Degree through our CSU and Chapman college systems. She is also a long-time counselor/educator at Mira Costa Community College and teaches painting through CSU San Marcos's "Osher Life Long Learning Institute". Her memberships include the Carlsbad Oceanside Art Gallery, National Arts Program and National Watercolor Society.

Bonnie enjoys filling her paintings with color, light and depth. She attributes the majority of her painting skills from taking workshops from professional watercolor artists and from studying with Diane Adams at Mira Costa College. While her painting style fluctuates from realistic to painterly, the subjects of her watercolors come primarily from inspiration. Bonnie keeps a camera in her car at all times, just in case she finds an irresistible scene that might become her next painting.

Teaching Approach: Begin at the beginning. Bonnie starts her classes off with a tried and true materials list, a simple pallet, an introduction to the color wheel and learning to how to make beautiful but simple watercolor washes. From there she moves on to specific techniques that enrich all paintings. For advanced painters this is a great review that comes with new challenges; for enthusiastic newbies, her class offers an easy to learn introduction to painting that is enjoyable and even addicting. Bonnie's instruction includes lots of examples, a color photo and a transferable line drawing. What a great way to learn.