



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Jody Miles!

My inspiration for this painting, entitled “Happy Place,” is watercolorist Joyce Hicks. I like her sense of place and soft color palette. This painting depicts an imaginary hilly place by the sea covered mainly with the yellowish grass and gray green brush and trees reminiscent of the California hills I grew up surrounded by. The house is old and rambling and depicts the old farm houses I am so attracted to. The image represents an earlier time when our lives were simpler and more peaceful, when our clothes smelled of the sun. It is a happy place for me and Joyce Hicks helped me to find it.

BIOGRAPHY

Other than a couple of years in college when I was an art major I am self taught. I was inspired by a friend and her mom who are and were lifelong watercolor artists. I began by painting portraits because this was where my true passion lay. I used art magazines and some video tutorials as learning tools as well as much repetition. Later I attended workshops then joined watercolor associations where I have exhibited my work.

EXPERIENCE WITH AWA

I am an AWA member and have had my paintings exhibited in AWA shows since I joined in 2016 when my husband and I moved to Phoenix, Arizona. I have also attended meetings and many workshops which I have enjoyed immensely. I appreciate the wonderful and talented artists that AWA brings in to share their art and to help us improve our own.



Happy Place, Watercolor