



"Tarpon", Acrylic, 13 x 18, Brenda Briggs Shannon

Brenda Briggs Shannon, Artist

Pet Portraits, Wildlife, Landscapes, Murals & More

Brenda's lifelong love of animals and sense of communion with the great outdoors coupled with her interest in art, ultimately led to her success as a Fine Artist. Her affinity for animals is evident in the expressive portrayals she captures in her wildlife and domestic subjects. Drawing and painting since childhood, she is primarily a self-taught artist.

In 1980 Brenda moved from Alabama to Texas. She studied from Pat Callahan and Ken Fleisch. She sold her first commissioned pastel portrait in 1981 and has been freelancing ever since. In 1988 Brenda decided to make art her career. She self-published "Native Texan", prints depicting a Longhorn (1989) and marketed them to Austin retailers including Callahan's, Bevo's and J.C. Penny's. In 1995 she realized her goal of taking a Dalhart Windberg oil painting workshop.

Other achievements include: Environmental Graphics class, Excellence Award, City of Austin Design Commission; Austin Graphics Arts Society, Award of Excellence, Illustration; Austin Community College President's Achievement Award, nominee and finalist. She earned her AAS in Commercial Art, graduated Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Austin Community College, Austin, Texas 1990.

Former associations include the Red Poppy and Heartland Co-op, Georgetown, Texas and member of the Williamson County and Taylor Art Guilds. Brenda balanced the differing aspects of fine art and graphic design with a broad range of skills. She has worked creating logo, T-shirt, menu and business cards. Brenda works primarily in pastel and acrylic. Her versatility includes wildlife, landscapes, pet portraits and murals. She is a member of the Gonzales Art Group and the New Braunfels Art League.

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AAS Degree, Graphic Art, ACC, Austin TX, Graduated Phi Theta Kappa, 1990

- Design Award, Excellence, City of Austin Design Commission, Environmental Graphics Class, Castle Hill Mural, summer 1989
- Austin Graphic Arts Society, Excellence Award, 1989, Illustration, 3x6 feet acrylic painting, "Mallards Visit Pecan Creek", landscape with Pecan Creek featuring Mallard Ducks.
- Pastel Techniques, Studied about 4 years under artist Pat Callahan, Pflugerville, TX.
- Williamson County Art Guild member, Georgetown, TX, 1989-2007
- Attended 2 week oil painting workshop, Dalhart Windberg, in Round Rock, TX, spring 1995
- People's Choice Award, Pastel portrait, headshot of Arabian horse, "Vorelle", November 2006
- Red Poppy T-Shirt Design Competition Winner, WCAG, 2001, Printed and sold on shirts
In conjunction with the City of Georgetown's Red Poppy Festival.
 - Taylor Art Guild, won First Place for acrylic painting, 30 x 30, "Constellation Prime", in "The Longhorn-A Sacred Cow" art show, 2006/7.

I moved from Taylor, TX after 22 years, to Gonzales area in 2008. I'm currently a member of:

Gonzales art Group, Gonzales, TX

Texas Art League, Luling, TX, displaying in the gallery, 509 E. Davis St.

New Braunfels Art League, displaying in the gallery, 239 W. San Antonio St.

- Best of Show & 3 First Place Ribbons, Come & Take It Festival, Gonzales Art Group, 2011

I've been painting and drawing since childhood and began selling my art in 1981. Commissions include Graphic art, design, pet portraits, landscapes and sign painting. I've also painted murals and specialize in wildlife and domestic animals, including fish, sea turtles, birds. References available.