

## Mary Rakay, Canton Michigan

*Watercolors and Oil (Original and Prints available)*



*Fishing Dreams, Oil*

Interestingly enough as a young person I was taught that “when a door closes, God opens a window”. That is exactly what happened to me when I semi-retired. Being a Registered Nurse and worrying about the limitations of an ongoing back problem, I found this a wonderful and satisfying experience.



*Pink Hibiscus, Watercolor*

A neighbor of mine is a watercolor instructor at the local senior center and encouraged me to join his class after I expressed interest in “always wanting to draw and paint”.



*Rooster, Oil*

Not knowing what this was all about, never having picked up a watercolor brush, I joined the class in 2005 and have been dabbling ever since. Then about two years ago I met a wonderful oil painting instructor who really encouraged me to venture out and take her oil painting class. She opened new doors. She is a college trained artist, well known in this area and has mentored many, many students. Her command of color mixture and techniques continue to inspire me not only in watercolors but oil painting.



*White House, Watercolor*

I find this is an ongoing learning experience of which I have not even touched the surface. I feel blessed to have found this later in my life. God certainly has “opened new windows” for me.



*Magnolia, Watercolor*



*Pink Roses, Watercolor*