

Pamela Nichols

Artist Biography

Pamela Nichols is an American artist living in Pensacola, Florida. While she paints various subject matter, including still life, landscape, and pets, her passion is in portraiture and figurative. She is known locally for her talents as a classically trained singer, and as a portrait artist. Since adolescence she has been recognized for her ability to achieve an excellent likeness, and more recently for portraying the life essence of the people she paints in oil.

In 2008, after a lifetime as choral director, music teacher, singer, special education teacher, wife and mother, Pamela endeavored to tap into her artistic abilities. She found endless resources online, and began to study instructional videos by accomplished artists whose work she admired. In 2014, she attended Portrait Society of America's Art of the Portrait Conference for the first time, and met many of the artists whose videos she had been studying. Since that time, she has attended intensive painting workshops from Pensacola to Scottsdale, Denver, Kewaskum, Putney, Birmingham, and Kansas City...taught by Romel de la Torre (2015), Mary Rochelle Burnham (2015), Chris Saper (2015), Johanna Harmon (2016 & 2017), Quang Ho (2016), Mike Malm (2017), Daniel Gerhartz (2016 & 2017), Michelle Dunaway (2018), and Suchitra Bhosle (2018).

Pamela has won numerous awards in local exhibitions: Best of Show, First City Art Show 2014; Award of Distinction, Pensacola Interstate Fair Fine Arts Exhibition 2014; Judges Award, Pensacola Interstate Fair Art Study Club 2015; John Frenkel Award, Pensacola Interstate Fair Art Study Club Exhibition 2016 & 2017; First City Art Show Art Study Club Award 2018.

Pamela was an exhibiting artist in the Oil Painters of America National Exhibition in 2015, and in the OPA Salon Show in 2018. She is a member of Oil Painters of America, Portrait Society of America, Cecilia Beaux Society, National Oil and Acrylics Painters Society, Art Study Club of Pensacola, and Visual Arts Association of Northwest Florida (Board Member).

Pamela is enjoying a thriving career primarily painting portraits and figures in oil. She has recently completed the last of twelve commissioned portraits for one local family. She is currently working on a series of portraits of strong women of Pensacola, featuring women who have had a significant impact over the past thirty years on the city of Pensacola in the realms of Art, Music, Theater, History, and Dedicated Public Spirit.

Pamela resides in the historic neighborhood of North Hill in Pensacola, Florida.