

## *Biography for Marianne Hilke*



*Marianne comes from a family of artisans, all extremely creative in their own areas. Her early art education was begun in Pittsburgh at The Ivy School of Art and then continued at the Rhode Island School of Photography. Her most valuable instruction came while in Rome, Italy, where she studied art and developed a passion for painting. While living in southern California for several years, she attended classes at art schools, galleries and museums as well as taking private lessons to develop new skills and to update old ones.*

*After graduating from photography school, Marianne worked in the graphic arts field for various companies. With her photography background, she started the restoration department for a photographic company in Santa Ana, California and continued to watch it grow into a successful enterprise. She also worked in Los Angeles as a computerized color artist for a large fabric and design company, which helped tremendously for understanding color and how to use it.*

*In the mid 90's Marianne was asked to establish an art department for a private school in North Palm Springs, California. She was one of two art teachers for grades 3-12, along with starting and marketing the adult education program.*

*Marianne returned to school and earned a license in geriatric studies at Trumbull Memorial Hospital, with the goal of art with the elderly as well as those with Alzheimer's. She continues to teach all ages and passes along art skills to those who attend her classes. Marianne lives in western Pennsylvania and is affiliated with The Butler Institute of American Art, Phipps Conservatory, The Hoyt, St John's Episcopal Church and other organizations, in Pennsylvania, Ohio and California.*