

"Summer Lovin' in the Square"

By Melissa Favor



I moved to Kennett Square 8 years ago from Shanghai, China. My family lived abroad for 8 years spending time in England and Spain in addition to China. We moved to Kennett when my husband accepted a job in West Chester because of the exceptional school district as our children were just about to start high school. I worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist at both Brandywine and Jennersville hospitals until their closures over two years ago. I was able to accept a transfer to Reading and although it's not the same community feel, I am still able to do the work I enjoy.

I have been a decorative painter for over 30 years and have achieved both Certified Decorative Painter and Master Decorative Artist in stroke work with the Society of Decorative Painters. My interest in stroke work has led me to enjoy Norwegian Rosemaling in recent years. Although my favorite medium is acrylic, I also enjoy sculpting and a bit of watercolors/batik, oil and mixed media. I taught decorative painting at Steph's Folk Art Studio in Lancaster until its closure and now teach online painting classes.

I live with my husband and two children who both graduate college this year; my daughter with an art degree in fine jewelry and my son a degree in chemistry with plans to attend Pharmacy school this Fall at Pitt. I spend as much time as I can with my two rescue dogs Carter and Molly.