



DARYL NICHOLSON

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome one of our newest Board members, Daryl Nicholson. Holding the position of Membership Chair, we're sure all of you, at one time or another, will have the pleasant opportunity to meet her (especially when member renewals pop-up at the end of the year).

Daryl moved to the landings in 2016 and she immediately became involved in a wide range of activities including bridge, mahjong, and volunteering. One of her favorite quotes says it all: *"Don't be afraid of death: be afraid of an un-lived life. You don't have to live forever, you just have to live."*

She is best known for her figurative watercolor paintings, often intertwining a group of people and obscuring the background. She uses vintage and current photographs, as well as life drawing for reference. Impressionist in style, she likes to push the limits of color and paint application, using strong design, vibrant colors and distinct brush strokes to emphasize the characteristics of her subjects.



Recently, she's been working on a series of paintings on Yupo, a waterproof synthetic which provides exciting new challenges. Wet paint continues to move around on the surface of Yupo, leaving only the pigment once dry. This medium has helped to energize Daryl's creativity as she sees her subjects in a magical new light. You've just gotta admire someone who follows the philosophy to *'break the rules'* ~ "that's what keeps it fun" so she says!



Daryl's work has been accepted into numerous juried exhibitions, winning awards at the local, regional and national level. Her paintings can be found in many private and corporate collections, as well as a line of wearable art available online at VIDA (<https://shopvida.com/collections/darylnicholson>). She has taken workshops with influential watercolorists, including Don Andrews, Jeannie McGuire, Charles Reid, Mel Stabin, Iain Stewart, Mary Whyte and Frank Webb. Professional organizations include: WC Society of AL, Tallahassee WC Society, Mid-South Watercolorists, Signature Membership in Light, Space and Time Online Gallery, Merit Membership at the Atlanta Artists Center, Past President and Signature Member of GA WC Society.

Daryl truly lives life to the fullest with a smile on her face and a warm greeting. When not in her studio or playing with her grandchildren, she can usually be found seven days a week exercising (weight training, walking, cycling, swimming, and yoga). It's understandable now when she says she often has trouble finding time to paint!

You can see more of Daryl's work on her website: darylnicholson.com. Commissions are always welcome! She may be contacted at 404-664-6741 or darylnicholson@me.com

