

Janet Bates
Art Instructor



Hi, my name is Janet Bates, and I grew up in farm country in North Dakota, and went to college to become a Registered Nurse in the nearby city of 30,000 people called Minot. After graduation, I met an officer at the local Air Force Base, married and after his discharge in 1970, we moved to Atlanta, Ga. Over the years, I enjoyed doing many various crafts and hobbies such as sewing, knitting, making pottery, decoupage, and creating numerous Christmas decorations with various mediums.

My favorite times however, were being a mother to 3 daughters, and later to 2 step children. Now I am blessed to have 10 grandchildren and 5 grand dogs all living close around the Atlanta area.

After retiring in 2007, we moved to Cape San Blas, Florida on the Gulf of Mexico. Currently, my devotion has been to enhancing sea shells by painting and decorating them with various types of trims and materials. The love for the seashell obviously became my focus while living on the Gulf of Mexico and continued after returning to Atlanta. This included yard art, table top decor, decorating glass wear and various dishes to creating trinkets for gifts and framed shells on canvas to hang on a wall or display on an easel.