

Jean Battaglia

I have always had a love for the Arts, however, during my 40+ years in the health care field and as an Operating Room Nurse , there was little time to pursue much artistic endeavors. That all changes upon retirement.

After retirement my husband and I spent our winters in Yuma AZ, and thus is where my artistic life took over. My beginning media was 3-D paper Tole which was enhanced by advanced training and teaching the art in 8 different RV parks. Taught 3-D Paper Tole classes for over 7 years. I love seeing pictures come to life with a little shaping and layering making them truly dimensional.

At one time I did a lot of acrylic painting – to the point that I painted nearly everything that would stay still for any length of time.

I also love to design and make different jewelry. Many years ago I designed a bead Christmas tree from my grandmother' huge costume jewelry collection. I still have that Christmas tree picture which I display every Christmas. As a result of this project I have since designed other beaded pictures including but not limited to Christmas trees, saguaro cactus, Valentine heart etc. It's a great way to use old jewelry that has a great deal of emotional value.

Currently I am the Volunteer Police Coordinator so once again I have to split my time between volunteering and my art. But I will never give up my art