

Shirley Brainard

How many classes/years have you taught at LifeQuest?

- Five or six watercolor classes.

Please list your most recent job title:

- Before I retired several years ago I was graphic designer and production manager of five health-related magazines.

What is your educational background?

- BA in Fine Arts from UALR.
- Have attended several watercolor workshops taught by nationally known watercolor teachers.

Please list experiences, awards or recognition you've had which are related (or not!) to your upcoming class topic:

- Diamond Signature Member of Mid-Southern Watercolor Association (which means a painting accepted in at least five of the Association's annual juried shows)

Please tell us why you like to (or are interested in) teaching at LifeQuest:

- Interacting with people and sharing in their joy of learning is very rewarding. Watercolor can be anything you want it to be.... fun, exacting, detailed, loose, flowing, etc.

List three distinctive personal facts about yourself:

1. I grew up in the country with a dog for a playmate. Even to this day, having a dog to share my life with is most important. My current little dog, Marti, is an adorable poodle/yorkie mix and has been with me about six years.
2. I enjoy reading both for pleasure and to exercise my mind.
3. Most people are surprised to learn I used to be an oil painter. Working in watercolor is much less toxic and messy.