

## ***Cathy Turner, Artist, Gallery Owner, Teacher***

A native of Michigan, I moved to Pawleys island in 1989. After spending 25 years in the Real Estate and property management business I am now painting full time and privileged to be an owner/artist of the island Art Gallery.



As a child I was always drawing and won many art contests and awards but never had the opportunity to study art or take classes. I was grown with children of my own when my father challenged me to pick up a brush and see what I could do with that medium. I have been hooked on oil painting ever since.

Living in the Low Country has inspired love of the ever changing landscape, the marshes, the ocean, and the abundant and beautiful marsh birds. As much as I enjoy painting herons and egrets, I try to incorporate the mossy old oaks and Sabal Palmettos which have become synonymous with the Low Country.

I find inspiration in not just the landscape and wildlife but in our history of ghosts and specifically the legend of the Gray Man ghost. I often incorporate him in my ocean and dunes paintings. To date I have painted and sold over 130 original Gray Man paintings.

In 2020 I was honored to be the Georgetown Wooden Boat Show artist. My painting of the Georgetown Harbor as seen from a porthole of a wooden boat titled "No Wake Zone" was printed on T-shirts, posters, and the original was auctioned with all proceeds benefiting the SC Maritime Museum.

As much as I enjoy painting, I have begun to enjoy the teaching almost as much. I currently teach a beginning oil class in Georgetown. I feel I have learned and grown so much as an Artist over the years, sharing my experience with others is very satisfying.

My paintings can be seen at Island Art Gallery, in Pawleys Island, SC and at The Cottage, Front St., Georgetown, SC. To see more of my art: [Cathy Turner Art.](#)