## The Artist Among Us is...

Carol Poitras has a lifelong interest in varied arts and crafts. Her passion for antique fabrics and quilts led her to the quilting world. She has belonged to the NH Quilt Documentation Project since 2003 and the American Quilt Study Group since 2004, and she volunteers for the Massachusetts Documentation Days at the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, MA. Carol has been a member of the Seabreeze Quilt Guild in Exeter since 1989 and has exhibited award winning quilts with them as well as the Vermont Quilt Festival. Her love of crafting extends to sewing, rug hooking, tole painting, stenciling, cross stitch, knitting, ceramics as well as a passion for photography.

Carol is an exhibiting member of the Seacoast Artist Association (SAA) and Just Us Chickens in Kittery, Maine. Through the SAA Theme Show she was awarded "People's Choice" for her Chicken in Blue in March 2020 and in October 2020 was awarded "Best of Show" for Autumn Trees.



She is also a member of the Seacoast Open Studio in Exeter and has exhibited with them at D2 Java, Lane House Art Gallery in Hampton, Exeter YMCA, Lane Library in Hampton and Exeter Public Library. Another group she attends on Thursdays has exhibited at Riverstones in Rochester and NH Art Association.

Several years ago, Carol joined the Kittery Art Association where she enjoyed many Thursday Plein Air sessions along the coastal areas of Maine and New Hampshire. She has coordinated a plein air group through SAA in Exeter. Painting plein air travel workshops have taken her from Maine to Italy.

Her love of whimsical paintings has led her to create a series of whimsical creatures dressed in seasonal attire. Her cards are available at The Seacoast Artist Association, Lane House Gallery in Hampton, Kittery Art Association, Just Us Chickens in Kittery, Stitched in Stone Quilt Shop in Kingston and Squamscott Winery, Newfields. Select cards and prints are also available at Rockywold-Deephaven Camps in Holderness, NH, The American Independence Museum in Exeter, NH and select local seasonal fine craft venues.

A native New Englander, Carol lives in Newmarket with her husband Steve and two cats Otis and Oliver. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:spoitras2@comcast.net">spoitras2@comcast.net</a>