



*Helen M. Merrick  
Kentucky Artist*



*Helen painting at  
Peterson-Dumesnil*



*“Carry on” 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner at  
KY Center for the Arts*

Helen has enjoyed being a member of several art associations: KWS, CKAG, PAP, PALETTE CLUB, LVAA, AAOC and LAG. She has had several one-woman shows. She continues to practice by reading books from her art library, her notes from workshops that she has taken and she paints nearly every day. Helen paints every week with the Plein Air Painters of Kentucky in oil. She also paints with the Kentucky Watercolor Society en plein air.

Helen was commissioned to paint a watercolor interpretation of a special necklace given to our First Lady, Michelle Obama. The necklace was designed and made by hand, by artisan Delanor Manson of the Koi Gallery.

In 2012 she was commissioned to paint the emblem for QUAD cars fundraiser event in Oldham County. She was commissioned to paint a watercolor of the Dismas House in Louisville, Kentucky. She was artist of the month in Gallery 104, LaGrange, Kentucky, in June, 2012. She also was chosen to be one of the Derby en Plein Air artists at the AAOC fundraiser in Crestwood in the Gardens at HIE Place, in 2012 and 2013. The paintings were then auctioned.

Helen started painting late in life, as she was busy raising her family. Since then, she has been painting in oil, watercolor, acrylic and pastel. She has taken numerous workshops from local, national and international artists. Some of these include Elizabeth Smythe, Sara Roush, John Michael Carter, Phil Starke, Robert Burrige, Joe Fettingis, Mel Stabin, Nancy Nordloh Neville, Mary Whyte, Ann Pember, Pat Weaver, Karlyn Holman, Don Getz and Don Andrews. She went to Ghost Ranch, in Abiquiu, New Mexico, famous area of artist, Georgia O'Keefe.

She has won First Place awards at the Kentucky Center for the Arts and the Kentucky State Fair. She has won the Purchase Award by the Whip Mix Corporation.

She has been published in Arts Across Kentucky. She was also tapped to paint commissioned oil portraits of Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and John W. Snow for a book on political commentary called “The Coalition of the Willing and the Irrelevant Others”, by Hugh Fletcher and Walt Searcy.

She has donated artwork for the Make-A-Wish Foundation at the Hillbilly Outfield Derby Party, yearly. She has participated in the Family Scholar House Art Show, formerly Project Women. She also participated in the Sister Visitor charity auction at Hurstbourne Country Club.

Her paintings are both in private and corporate collections. Helen is currently working on commissioned work.