

# Carmen Barros Bio

I have enjoyed art my entire life but didn't begin to paint seriously until after retirement. I am a self-taught artist, who likes studying about art as much as I enjoy painting.

Most of my artwork is still-life compositions. I am especially drawn to arrangements that feature glass and reflective objects. I paint in a photo-realistic style in water soluble oils and colored pencils. Both my oil and colored pencil works are rendered by careful application of layers of color with special attention to detail and the contrast between light and dark values.



In my spare time, I paint wooden nesting dolls and Santa Claus carvings. I have also written a book "Paint Your Own Nesting Dolls" available on Amazon at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) which offers a complete guide on how to paint these charming decorations.

## **Membership:**

Colored Pencil Society of America  
CPSA, District Chapter 14

## **Works exhibited:**

Clayton Art Faire Competition, Juried Show -- 2020  
[CP Hidden Treasures Volume VI](#) -- 2020  
Strokes of Genius 12 Art Competition -- 2020  
[CPSA Explore This! 16](#), Juried Show -- 2020  
Falling for Colored Pencil, Halle Cultural Arts Center, Apex, NC -- 2019  
Sensational Sharks and Their Curious Cousins, North Carolina Aquariums -- 2019  
[CPSA 27th Annual International Exhibition](#), Juried Show, Brea Art Gallery, Brea, CA -- 2019  
[COLOR Magazine Featured Artist](#) -- 2019  
[CP Treasures Volume VI](#) -- 2019  
Colored Pencil Creations, Kirby Gallery, Roxboro, NC -- 2018  
Celebrating Colored Pencils, Cary Gallery of Artists, Cary, NC -- 2018  
Art 55 Show, Senior Center, Cary, NC, People's Choice Award -- 2018  
[DRAW Reflections in Colored Pencils](#) - 2018  
A World In Colored Pencil, Maria V Howard Arts Center, Clayton, NC, 2017  
[CP Hidden Treasures](#) Volume IV -- 2017  
Student/Teacher Art Show, Senior Center, Cary, NC -- 2014 to 2018  
Art 55 Show, Senior Center, Cary, NC, Juried Show, 3rd place Award -- 2016  
Fine Arts League of Cary, NC, Juried Show, 2nd place Award -- 2014  
North Carolina State Fair, Blue Ribbon Awards -- 2011 to 2013