## LINDA LINKER

## **Art Matters**

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My interest in art began as a child learning the importance of shape, structure and balance in design from my mother, an Art and Music Major.

My diverse background developed in the beauty industry where I was a hair color specialist, makeup artist for a multi-media company, and retail fashion director. I continually implemented the use and effects of color in all facets of my work.

I began painting seriously in the seventies, and attended courses at community colleges and at the University of Louisville for several years while I managed salons and family.

In 2006, I joined a local collaboration of professional artists and hobbyists who conducted gallery sales. We painted collectively every week in seven hour sessions, sharing ideas and skills. Each year we presented a gallery showcase at the David Schuster Gallery to generate sales and support.

Through this collaborative, while displaying my art in local businesses and on social media I personally developed a dedicated following. During the 15 years with this group my style — modern realism — emerged.

My association with state and national professional groups has afforded me the experience as a trainer and educator. This training along with my commitment to painting, collaborating, and always learning, positions me to offer structured and progressive art training here at Cresswind at Lakewood Ranch.