

## A Brief Biography of Karen Courtenay

Karen Courtenay was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, and later moved to Duluth, Georgia, when her two sons were small. She and her husband, Ken, moved to St. Simons Island about five years ago to help care for her aging parents. Ken travels most of the time for his job. She works part-time for a friend of hers in Savannah as a bookkeeper.

In an effort to find new interests and friends in this area, Karen started taking art lessons from different instructors in the area. She had taken a watercolors class when she lived in Atlanta, but had never ventured into the world of oil painting. Oils are now her favorite way to paint.

Although she is constantly challenged by her left brain/right brain take on things, she is really enjoying the journey of becoming a better artist and of expressing herself through her art. She is a recent new member of the Glynn Art atelier on Skylane Drive and hopes to be able to paint much more often and expand on her techniques.