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*I was born, raised and educated in Ontario, Canada. We moved to Connecticut in the sixties. It was there I took lessons in ceramics while raising my children, which started my love of the arts. I was then able to transfer this passion to others by teaching for five years.*

*I left teaching ceramics to enter the corporate world of life insurance at the home office of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance. While in the Marketing and Analysis department, I developed and wrote a computer program to illustrate different insurance policies for our field sales force, this allowed me to use my creativity, but in a different way. We transferred to California in 1971, which enabled me to learn the Agency side of insurance in our Beverly Hills office. Starting as Office Manager and working my way up to Assistant General Agent then Business Manager/Comptroller gave me a broad perspective of the insurance industry. Additionally, my computer knowledge led me to teaching graphic presentations using Harvard Graphics; again merging my creativity with computer skills. Upon request, I design invitations for several local organizations, which enables me to keep my skills up.*

*When we moved to St. Simons Island in 1995, upon our retirement from the corporate world, I immediately got involved in volunteer work with The Island Players, serving on the Board for nine years and, Theatre Manager for two years. In those years I produced six plays and co-produced three plays. Also, I have helped to paint sets for more than 25 plays. Currently, I design and develop the playbills/programs for the theatre, and have done so for the last six years.*

*Serving on The Glynn Art Board of Directors as President for two years and Vice-President for one, I headed a committee to bring in new Board members who supported a new Art Center and would be instrumental in making it go forward. The gift of land for a new Art Center happened during my last year as President which was very exciting. When asked, I will do whatever is necessary to see this project to completion.*

*Additionally, I have served on The Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association Board (3 yrs.) as fund raiser and program chair.*

*Other activities and responsibilities in the community:*

- *I have served on the Board of The Golden Isles Gourmet Club, and I designed most of their invitations*
- *I am an active member of the Mozart Society, and I chair the membership committee.*
- *I am a member of Shorebirds, a social group.*
- *I enjoy singing in the St. Simons Presbyterian Church choir.*

*I have studied art and have enjoyed taking lessons from Barbara Mueller for the past six years, which has established my passion for painting.*