

# DOROTHY PAULK McCLAIN

Art Instructor/Artist

## THE MARSHES STUDIO

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Working with others and willingness to share creative knowledge encouraged Brunswick-born Dorothy Paulk McClain's art teaching career. While pursuing her talents as a nineteen-year-old artist, she was persuaded to teach a summer YWCA children's art program.

This launched a thirty-five year art teaching profession in kindergartens, art and recreation centers, educational programs, and camps. Coastal Georgia Community College employed her in the Humanities Department as adjunct art educator from 1986 - 1993. Over four hundred college students studied drawing, painting, and art history from the well-known artist. She successfully promoted campus cultural events, student art exhibits, and arranged special off-campus class trips.

Currently at home in The Marshes Studio she finds an ideal painting retreat with a coastal view of Sea Island marshes and a tidal creek. Here she offers children's art classes and a sales gallery for her artwork. Historic places, flowers, people, landscapes, and seascapes are preferred subjects which inspire her realistic style paintings and photographs.

Another unique art, the ancient technique of sandcasting, has influenced Dorothy into designing impressed objects in beach sand and permanently holding the design with plaster. The unusual wall plaques feature shells, sea life, and religious figures. Sandcastings of small shell magnets, mirrors framed with sea motifs, angels, Christmas ornaments, and many other free-form shell groupings are found in homes around the world.

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Georgia Coastal Artists Guild, Georgia Watercolor Society (Area Director, 1993-97; Treasurer, 1997-99), Glynn Art Association (Advisory Board)

### AWARDS AND HONORS

Cafe' des Beaux Arts Show (Piedmont Driving Club), GWS Members Show, Okefenokee Heritage Center, Gov. Zell Miller's State Capitol Exhibit in Atlanta, Fernandina Shrimp Festival (1992 Purchase Award), St. Marys Rock Shrimp Festival (First Place, 1991), Kingsland Catfish Festival (First Place, 1991), National Jewelry Design Award (1991 Georgia State Society NSDAR Cherokee Rose Pin)

**Sandcastings    Watercolors    Prints    Photos    Paintings    Portraits**

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