

- Mary Beth Lesko - Colored Pencil Artist

Mary Beth Lesko is a member of the Colored Pencil Society of America and the founder and past president of the first Pennsylvania District Chapter of the Colored Pencil Society. She has specialized in colored pencil as an art medium for more than 14 years and her work has been shown extensively at galleries, including the SoBo Gallery in Winter Garden.

Colored pencils are semi-transparent, the layers of color show through and wake up the painting and give it life! It is a very portable and clean medium and you can take your pencils and paper anywhere to draw and paint. The versatility, ease of use, wonderful color layering and brilliance in creating fine art with colored pencils is very rewarding!

I have loved Art for as long as I can remember. I started taking drawing and painting classes when I was sixteen. My mentor, Nancy Katchmer, opened the world of art for me during the four years I took private lessons from her.

I graduated from Luzerne County Community College with an Associate Degree in Commercial Art. I have studied with many colored pencil master artists over the years and tried various art mediums while especially enjoying oil painting and pastel from time to time.

Inspiration comes from everything you see, hear or touch. Take time to stop and really SEE the colors in a flower, tree, sky or animal. Stop and make a mental note or a quick sketch of it, it may inspire you to create a masterpiece!