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A native of the Border Country of Northern Minnesota, Em spent her life enjoying the outdoors, wildlife, flowers and music. She learned to play the violin at age 6, following in the footsteps of her father who was a musician, engineer and commercial artist. Em took pictures of everything she saw in Nature and began winning awards for her photography. She never thought of painting until she retired from her career in Housing. She moved to Amador County in 2003. That is when she decided to try painting.

Em loves a challenge, so she thought she would start with watercolor. She took classes through a local college and loved it. After exhausting the Community College art classes, she started accumulating and watching Art videos, gleaning tips from each one. Em then branched out to Pastels, loving them as well. She found Lesley Harrison, a world-class pastelist who specializes in wildlife and children's portraits. Em loves color and animals and her progress sped up. She needed to improve her painting techniques so she started studying with Sabina Turner in Amador County. That is when her art really started to soar. Em's art has won awards at the Amador County Fair each year. Her next goal is to get her work in a gallery.

