



## Feature Artist at Kalmbach

As a child I was interested in Art. My favorite gifts on Christmas morning were crayons and coloring books.

My mom encouraged me to embroider my little creations on some old bed sheets that she cut up for me. I would design some Christmas trees and decorations all with my needle and thread. Awhile later my dad would sit down at the dining room table and teach me to draw. We started simply. He would draw an apple for me and then I'd watch him and draw my own. Then we'd put the apple in a box around it. He never had any drawing lessons and all I had was my dad teaching me to draw things like he showed me. Sometimes a horse, sometimes a face, anything I wanted, he'd show me. My mom was great at drawing faces too. I used to watch her over and over. She just instinctively knew how to do it.

I never thought that I couldn't draw, I just did it like they did and Voila! an artist was born. It just goes to show how sitting with your child can teach them lots of things.

Later in life I took lessons at LCCC college and the Baum school and graduated with a certificate in Art. I love painting landscapes, animals, still-lives, pretty much anything.

Cathy Rhoades

Artist for April and May at Kalmbach Memorial