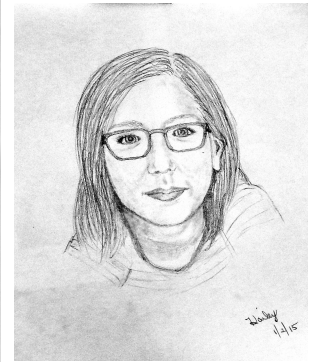
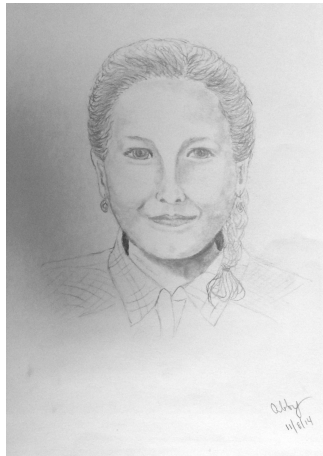


EUCLID ART ASSOCIATION
January 7, 2019 - Members' Night 'Show and Tell'
Gail Nelson



Our second presenter, **Gail Nelson**, is a new member of Euclid Art, joining in 2017. She traveled from way out east in Harpersfield Township to Euclid to tell us about her art. She liked to draw as a child, especially faces, houses and landscapes. Her family even looked into Norman Rockwell's "Famous Artists Courses" for her, but they were too costly. As with many of us, life comes before art. Gail married her high school sweetheart, had three children before the age of 25 and enjoyed a career as a paralegal. It wasn't until a 'wine & canvas' event 'lit her artist fire' again, this time in acrylics.



In 2013, Gail began taking adult enrichment classes at Lakeland Community College. She learned a lot from the other students, especially Jim Abrams. Jim, also a member of Euclid Art, became her mentor. He taught her the dry brush painting style and gave her many other good tips and suggestions. She likes being an acrylic painter, because "you can do it over and over again". Gail says that she was always about precision! On the cat painting, she found herself painting the floor and the cat toy over, over and over before it was perfect enough for her. The barn painting, from a picture on the internet (with permission), took six months to complete....it won honorable mention in EAA's 2017 Spring Show. Something clicked with her rooster painting, she finished it in one night. And, she still loves drawing faces....



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Gail also takes classes from Dottie Geisert. Helen Karpoff (also in Dottie's class and an EAA member) bugged Gail to find a frame for her 'Vineyard in Winter' painting, which she completed and framed the night before EAA's 2018 Spring Show....it won honorable mention. Notice the precise, exact placement of each fence post. Precision is, in fact, her middle name! She says her goal moving forward is to loosen up and paint more freely, not taking so long to complete a painting. Her current painting of a Lake Erie Sunset is a good start. Gail has seven grandchildren and hopes to pass on the love of art to each of them.