

EUCLID ART ASSOCIATION
January 6, 2020 - Members' Night 'Show and Tell'
Bernadette Russ



The next presenter, **Bernie Russ** joined Euclid Art in 2017. Bernie had been doing art on and off all her life. Watercolor being her medium of choice. She started at Cooper School of Art for one year, went to work at American Greeting, joined the Army, went back to Cooper Art School again for two years, then went to Ursuline college for four years in art therapy. When Ursuline added an additional year for an art therapy degree, Bernie became an LPN instead. Somewhere in between she stopped to have a family. She paints in watercolor and acrylic on glass. Many of her watercolors have won awards in various Euclid Art shows.



Bernie loves to paint on glass. For weddings, she has painted up to 250 to 300 glasses using a special acrylic paint and drying them in her oven at 350-degrees. Her painted vase is beautiful. But, there is so much more to her story.



Five years ago, she suffered from a concussion after tripping over a cement block....*you know those blocks in a parking lot that stop cars from going forward.* Unfortunately, she did not go to the doctor for 10-days. She was working at the time and had to quit her job. The doctor said 'no electronics.' When she asked, "what can I do?"....read, write and paint were the doctor's orders. That's when she discovered "Brusho Crystal Colours" from Dick Blick (versatile watercolor ink crystals that are incredibly vivid, vibrant, and brilliant). Using these crystals for her art was less stressful and more relaxing. It was during this period that she created original greeting cards, smaller paintings and 'coffee filter' roses. We were all intrigued by those roses!

