

EUCLID ART ASSOCIATION
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Terese Berzinskas



Our next presenter, **Terese Berzinskas**' art story started as a young child with letters from her Lithuanian aunt. Terese was born in a refugee camp in Germany after WWII and together with her parents and older brother came to America as a baby in 1949. Almost everyone else in the family remained behind the iron curtain, either unable or unwilling to escape. In the middle 1950's the family was finally able to reconnect through correspondence with those left behind. Her father's sister (Terese's aunt) was an artist and the letters she wrote were often illustrated with her drawings. As a child Terese was enchanted with those little drawings. As the years went by, Terese's family sent art supplies and the aunt sent them back rolled up finished canvases.

Even though Terese never met her aunt in person, she was inspired by her to choose art as her life's path. Her high school teacher helped her apply to the Cleveland Institute of Art, where she attended for two years. After transferring to Case Western Reserve, she received a degree in art education and became a traveling art teacher. Soon she married, moved to Germany, had a family and had no time for art. When she and her family moved back to the United States, she became an art therapist and promised herself that she would start up her own art again at age 40, then at age 50, 60...no, not until age 65. That's when she took adult education classes at Lakeland College with artist, Linda Zolten Wood.



Terese joined Euclid Art in 2017. She loves to paint nature. Her favorite mediums are acrylic and pen & ink. Continuing her classes with Linda Zolten Wood, she also signed up for a Tuesday botanical drawing workshop at the Cleveland Botanical Garden with Susan Gray Bé. Her botanical drawings became her therapy. Sitting in front of a plant and using a ballpoint pen for her contour drawings, her eyes, hand and mind would focus on the drawing. She added "and all my cares go away." Many of her botanical pen & ink drawings have won awards and have sold!

