



## Mary Cooper

My interest in art came about when I was 29 years old with a seven-year-old daughter and infant twin sons. My husband thought I needed something for myself and a friend and artist from our church was giving oil lessons in his home, so I enrolled. I took his lessons for about a year before we moved from the area. I continued working in oil until I had a third child and time and interest was not available. After we retired and moved to Arizona and I retired from volunteering as an Ombudsman I needed to get back to art. I enrolled in oil painting lessons at Mesa Art Center and for twelve years have been a student there. I have taken oil, drawing, portrait, watercolor, colored pencil and glass fusion classes. I found that I really like colored pencil.

### Exhibitions/Awards/Publications

I have exhibited at One O One Gallery in Mesa, the Casa Grande Art Museum, Arts HQ in Surprise and student shows at Mesa Arts and other venues in Mesa and Tucson.



*Tea Party with Grandma 11x14 inches, colored pencil on paper*

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*The Roadrunner, 11x14 inches, colored pencil and pastel on paper*