

Auto Biography
Cynthia Young Fackrell

I grew up playing in the sand & surf of the southern California coast. I feel very fortunate to have grown up in Goleta, which is in north end of Santa Barbara County. It will always be home in my heart. I have had the opportunity to live in many other places including: Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Northern California, Alaska, & South Dakota. I currently live in Kuna, Idaho and McCall, Idaho. My heart loves both the ocean beach and mountainous lifestyles.
All of these places have had an influence on my work.

I am happily married to a wonderful man for forty plus years. We have three fantastic children that have given us five beautiful, talented grandchildren. My family is a great source of support & inspiration to me, as are the special friends I have gained over the years.

I have always considered myself an artist, but have been able to add author to my resume. I find that I am able to paint with words as well. Writing has become another beautiful way to express myself. I am able to tell the stories life has given me. It is an honor to see them in print & the possibility of touching other people's lives with my words. The process of writing a book is a growing, learning experience that has brought me great personal enrichment. In February 2011, prompted by a book that wrote that everyone has a story to tell, I sat down at my computer & started typing a story I had been waiting twenty years to tell. Getting my book to fruition was a joy.

As for my artistic talents, they were recognized & rewarded from a young age, which fueled my desire to build them. I studied art in high school & college. I have an A.A. degree in fine art, taking classes in many mediums: Watercolor, Oil painting, figure drawing, lettering, sculpting, Drawing, & Commercial Art. This was all before the age of computers, when we had to do it all by hand! I actually spent four years in college, (1976-1980) but didn't get a B.A. degree at that time. I did go back to school & acquired a B.S. degree in Business Management in 2001.

I have put my art on greeting cards, tee shirts, aprons, cartoon portraits, pillows, magnets & various other craft projects. I volunteered my time as an art teacher in my children's elementary schools. I have made posters for various organizations & created logos, business cards & artwork for friends & companies. Much of my work up to this time has been donated & volunteered. In 2006 I started oil painting again. I am doing commissioned pet portraits and paintings as well.

Besides being an artist & author, I have many other things I love to do, many associated with my artistic abilities, such as: interior decorating, cooking & organizing.

My husband & I enjoy camping & traveling. I love the sports of bicycling, wake boarding, & snow skiing (I was a ski patroller and ski instructor and was manager of ski schools)

I love water, melted or frozen.

Soaking up the sun's hot rays on our boat is one of my favorite summer activities.

I spend many hours contemplating life so I can to bring inspiration to all of my art & writing. You will find a part of me in each of my creations, paintings & books.

Because...Creating is my favorite thing to do!