



The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans
Artist Spotlight for July, 2021
- LINDA BARNES -

Each month the Agawam Community Artists and Artisans spotlights one of its members. This month the Spotlight is on artist, Linda Barnes.

Linda Barnes has lived in Ware, Massachusetts since 2006. Drawing, painting and crafting have always been a big part of her life. Her inspiration for art originated with her grandmother from an early age.

She says, "My entire family is very creative; from Mom being a seamstress, to my brother who loved to make gadgets and my grandmother who taught me to love art."

Besides painting and drawing, Linda also dabbles in crafting. She enjoys making jewelry out of old forks and spoons, and creates small pictures on mini canvases using scraps of colored glass. She collects driftwood, shells and beach glass that she uses to make wall hangings.

Linda has attended various workshops to improve her art, and her ability to work in different mediums. But she favors pastels above all as her primary medium. She gets a lot of her inspiration from her husband's photography, as she says he has a great eye for landscapes. Her studio space is in her walkout basement which, she says, is "full of great light".

Besides being a member of the **Agawam Community Artists and Artisans**, Linda is a member of **Art Works** in Ware, MA. She was also a participating artist at the Smith House Art Festival in 2019, sponsored by this art group.

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