



Puppies in Basket ... 16 x 20" pencil sketch

Children and puppies have much in common. Both require regular feedings, room to grow and frequent cuddling.

- j.wagner

JUDY'S MESSAGE

Words and images have the power to calm and heal. My objective in painting and writing is to touch those who are grieving and struggling with losses that may be overwhelming them.

I was the seventh in a farm family of eleven siblings. Our devoted parents taught us deep spiritual values and strong work ethics at an early age. I was present at the bedsides of my dying father, father-in-law, brother and grandmother; and have felt the pain and agony of several family members suffering aftermaths of severe, life-threatening accidents. For years I was actively involved in caring for elderly parents and in-laws, while also experiencing the joys and challenges of raising our own four children. I've also known the bitter pain and sorrow of family and friends who've lost children and loved ones. So from out of all these life experiences I use words and images to offer healing for others who are hurting. If my work somehow helps to lighten their burden....then it is all worthwhile.

"Judy is an inspired, Godly woman who's writings bring comfort, peace, and tranquility to grieving people. Words cannot begin to describe what flows from the heart of Judy to her pen."

-Dianne Ferschweiler

"Judy Wagner writes with compassion and understanding. Her poems and short prose pieces, which could be used for meditation, offer spiritual comfort to persons grieving the loss of a child."

-Patricia A. Love, author and writing instructor

"We found one of Judy's inspiring poems to be very consoling and healing at the memorial service for our stillborn grandson. It brought our family peace. I still read it often and have it framed and hanging on the wall with our family photos."

-Gerry Beyer



Mountain Road 16 x 20" acrylic on canvas

Nature is the ultimate physician. It offers beauty, peace and harmony. All of which refresh the spirit, calm the heart and lift the soul. -j.wagner

Background: First Snowfall - 24 x 36" acrylic on canvas

Life freely
offers us
flowers...
but we must
make our own
bouquets.
-j. wagner



Daisies in Bean Pot - 22 x 28" acrylic on canvas



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Judy lives with her husband, Dave in the beautiful Willamette Valley of Oregon. They've been married 39 years and have three grown sons and a daughter. In the early seventies they started their own wholesale rhododendron nursery, and still currently operate and manage this business. www.wagnernursery.com

Judy is also a freelance author and artist. She's a graduate of the Institute of Children's Literature, and an active member of Oregon Christian Writers. She's completed several Creative Writing courses through Chemeketa Community College. She's been published in Stories for the Heart series, Tapestry (Walk thru The Bible Ministries) and Chicken Soup For the Soul.

"It was my great pleasure to mentor Judy Wagner in the 'Writing for Children and Teenagers' course of the Institute of Children's Literature. Judy's work in that course displayed a remarkable ability to convey the power of relationships and emotion.

If you want your message to be delivered with a human touch, you could do no better than to put it in Judy's skilled hands."

- Fred Bortz (www.fredbortz.com, www.scienceshelf.com), freelance reviewer of science books, author of numerous science books for young readers, and winner of the 2002 American Institute of Physics Science Writing Award for books intended for young readers.

ACRYLIC PAINTING

Judy is a self taught acrylic artist, who's also worked in oil, watercolor and ink. Her paintings have been exhibited in the Salem, Oregon State Capitol Building, State Public Service Building, and in several local banks and private collections. Judy's portfolio can be viewed online at www.withPenNBrush.com.



Winter Serenity 24 x 48" acrylic on canvas

Background: *Mt. Hood Reflections* - 24 x 36" acrylic on canvas

Sometimes the most tranquil place we may discover, is not a place at all.....but rather the quiet serenity we nurture within ourselves. - j. wagner

