



# Elaine Woodward

Elaine received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Bowling Green State University with a major in painting in 1978. She worked as a technical illustrator at GE for 6 years after which she decided to stay home and raise her three sons.

Since moving to Pace in 1994, Elaine has painted large murals in acrylic at Dixon Intermediate, Pace HS, Parade Homes and in private homes.

She has contracted to illustrate a series of children's animal books and 2 other series totaling over 40 books. She uses pastels for the animal series of books, watercolor and ink on the second, and will use colored pencil for the third series.



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## HOLIDAY GALLERY NIGHT - GOOD FOOD - GOOD FRIENDS AND SANTA!!

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Last year, the rains drenched the luminaries. The paper sacks containing the candles simply could not withstand the joyous tears of the heavenly Angels as they witnessed the whole town working together in the spirit of Christmas. As if Milton was under some super natural test to continue this spirit of cooperation, this year, not one, but two power pole calamities darkened historic downtown Milton.

Just as businesses prepared to "light-up" their storefronts and set up artists to welcome the public with fantastic foods and entertainment, light switches rendered ineffective in all of the downtown buildings. Everyone arrived early in anticipation for a night to remember with their special planned programs and offerings to the public. The Dragonfly Gallery with Foundation members worked in candlelight to arrange refreshments so earnestly created by volunteers and caterers. Concerned business owners, private citizens along with city and county elected officials inundated Gulf Power with inquiries and pleadings only to be told that no matter how fast they responded it wouldn't be in time to salvage the evening for its

planned festivities. Traffic coming into town from all directions for the event, witnessed a dark downtown and turned around and went home. As the seriousness of the cause(s) spread amongst speculation, businesses, one by one, disappointedly canceled the event and closed their doors for the evening.

Many headed to the only site of celebration, the Dragonfly Gallery. Where, in candlelight, the spirit of Christmas shined brightly among the party goers. Live music, good food, plenty of holiday drink and best of all, good company made the Gallery a shining place to be in the dark! There, no spirit was darkened. Everyone joined in the moment of knowing how to make the best of a bad situation by celebrating with each other in the quaint charm of candlelight. If one stopped long enough to consider, when stripped of modern conveniences, wasn't that how people celebrated in the past before electricity? So, in a way, everyone who attended the Gallery celebration truly did experience a bit of "Old Fashion Christmas" as advertised during this year's Holiday Gallery Night/Light-Up Milton.

**SANTA ROSA ARTS AND CULTURE FOUNDATION WISHES TO THANK ALL OF THE SPONSORS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR ALL OF THE EFFORTS APPLIED TOWARDS HOLIDAY GALLERY NIGHT/LIGHT-UP MILTON!**



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