

## Artist

**Nancy Nichols grew up in Western Massachusetts in a family that all were gifted artists. She won a National Scholastic Award in high school, and had her work displayed in the Boston Museum of Fine Art. Her Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College in 1982 was in Art History, but the required courses in studio art are what captivated her and continues to fuel her imagination.**



Nancy has been painting professionally since 1990 in watercolor, acrylics and oils. Her first solo show was a fundraising event for the Ronald McDonald House of Springfield, Massachusetts.

She continues to contribute her artwork to many fundraising events as a way of sharing what she has always felt her talent is; a gift. Though she was born and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts, Nancy and her family have fortunate enough to have lived in Bermuda and Switzerland. They are now back in the United States and spend as much time as they can at their farm house in Montegrossi, Italy.

While in Bermuda, Nancy entered a local juried art show, "Art Festival by the Sea", and though it was her son who took home the awards, Nancy was offered her own show at Masterworks Art Gallery of Bermuda. The show was a sell out and Nancy continued to show and compete with other professional artists affiliated with the Masterworks Museum of Bermuda Art as well as the Bermuda Society of Art for the 15 years she resided in Bermuda. Her work is part of Masterwork's permanent collection.

Nancy shares her enthusiasm and love of art with her two children, Jake and Sarah, and husband Jay. She enjoys teaching watercolor classes to students of all ages. Nancy was a watercolor instructor at Bermuda College for five years.

Landscapes, vast skies, people at work and abstracts of the natural beauty surrounded that surround her are her subjects and sources of inspiration. Capturing a moment in time and a glimpse of passing beauty is what she continues to attempt in her work. Her work and her life focuses on sharing joy.

It is a thrilling honor to have been asked to participate in this year's Holy Angels Gala Weekend. The fact that it all came about through mutual friends - her Italian next-door neighbors, Franca Gatteschi and Mimma Ferrando (AKA The Tuscan Mamas), and her husband's college friend, Michelle Carli, is a fabulous bonus!

Nancy is a member of the Artists Association of Nantucket and paints at her studios in Italy, Nantucket, New Hampshire and Florida.