

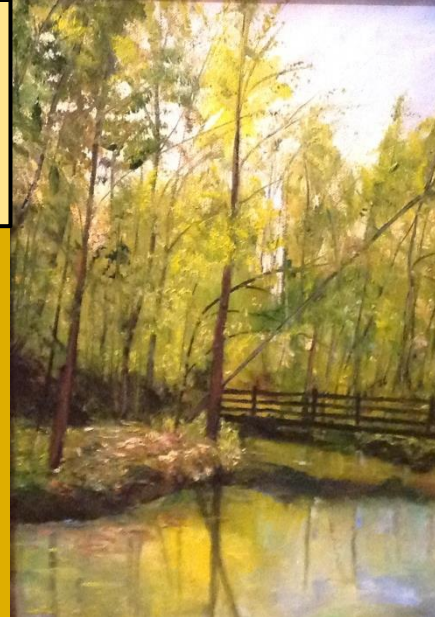
# March Artist of the Month

## Rita Dattilo

Meet Rita Dattilo, our March Artist of the Month. Even in childhood, Rita had a passion for art, and she remembers that she often had a crayon in hand, coloring or drawing something. Since retirement, Rita has revisited her love for art – with passion intact. Her interest and talent have led her to take instruction from artists like Mary Pera and Sandee Sander at ArtReach. Rita has profited from a number of workshops, and she particularly enjoyed her experience with New Mexico artist Ann Templeton. Rita often paints in her home studio, but she also enjoys working alongside other local artists at the Bert Ferguson Community Center. Though she paints a variety of subjects, she prefers landscapes. “The beauty of God’s creation inspires me to paint,” says Rita. “I like oil paint because of the way I can move the paint around on canvas. I also like the brilliance of oil paint.” A judge of a recent Bartlett Art Association exhibit declared that Rita had the touch of a “master painter,” and all of her works reveal a true eye for color and attention to detail. Her work has been on display at St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett and at Twigs and Ivy. Rita has been a member of the Bartlett Art Association for the last several years and currently serves on the Telephone Committee.

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