

## Spotlight on Sheila Ann Garver Hansberger

### Life after Azusa High School

Three weeks before the start of our Senior year at Azusa High my mom was transferred by her employer to San Bernardino, so our family moved and relocated to Yucaipa where I attended Yucaipa High School as a Senior. (We had previously lived in Yucaipa when I was in elementary school and still owned a home there which we had rented out during the years we lived in Azusa.)



*Sheila Ann Garver Hansberger*

After high school I attended community college and worked part-time. I married in 1965 and my husband and I remained in Yucaipa where we raised our three children. We owned an apple orchard in Oak Glen (Snow-Line Orchards) in the foothills above Yucaipa and sold direct to the public every autumn to the thousands of visitors that make the seasonal trek to the mile-high tourist area. When it wasn't apple season, I worked as a free-lance commercial artist and eventually used my talents while I worked for a printing firm as their in-house artist. Since the 1980's my career has gone in the direction of fine art, in watercolor. I create paintings which are sold through galleries and art shows. No, I do not yet have a web-site, but it's coming. My work has been featured on the web and in various magazines and is a part of several permanent collections owned by institutions such as the National Orange Show, Mt. San Jacinto College, the San Bernardino County Museum, various banks, medical centers and other enterprises.



*Cedar mill at Snow-line Orchards – painting by Sheila*

In 2006, my husband of 41 years passed away from cancer. I was devastated. It's strange how much my life changed. It was hard to focus on creating art, so I didn't for a couple years. My faith, my family and my friends have kept me going. I'm blessed to have three grandchildren; they are the light of my life and I often drop everything to be with them. My career has been on hold for quite awhile, but in the last year I have started re-building my inventory and accepting requests to teach classes and workshops and I'm looking forward to some upcoming shows and art events.



*Sheila & her grandchildren*

More paintings by Sheila



*And a Box Full of Beans*



*Rose Window, Smiley Library*



*Yellow Adirondacks*

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