



LINDA KUKUK

Linda Kukuk, a life-time resident of the Oklahoma City area, is a self-taught artist. Since the early 1960's she has participated in numerous art shows, specializing in scratch board art. Extensive travel with her husband throughout Africa, Europe, Russia, and the South Pacific has given her a myriad of interesting subjects to paint and draw.

Her retirement as Chief of the Commander's Protocol Office at Tinker AFB in March 2002, has given her more time to pursue her artistic endeavors. Since then, she has added watercolor and discovered how to combine it with her scratchboard art. She continues scratch work but now uses clayboard, allowing her to add watercolor to the traditionally black-and-white medium.

Having grown up in rural Oklahoma of rich Choctaw/Cherokee ancestry, Linda especially enjoys painting Native American themes. Linda is sought after by various art associations and clubs throughout the country to demonstrate her scratchboard and watercolor-on-textured-clayboard techniques. She loves the opportunity to show other artists – and even young students in elementary school visits – what she has learned through the years.

A Signature member of the International Society of Scratchboard Artists (ISSA), two of her scratch works were selected for the 2013 ISSA International Show in Vancouver BC, Canada. She has won numerous awards for her paintings and scratch works throughout her career, and her work has been featured in Oklahoma City's Festival of Arts, as well as the OCCC Arts Festival—Oklahoma, Downtown Edmond Art Festivals, Red Earth Art Shows, Cherokee Art Market in Tulsa and Oklahoma Art Guild National Shows – all juried shows.

In addition to her other accomplishments, Linda illustrated a children's book for Disney publishing, *Wilma's Way Home: The Life of Chief Wilma Mankiller*, released in February, 2019. Also, *International Artist Magazine* featured one of Linda's paintings in their book, *How Did You Paint That? 100 Ways to Paint Still Life and Florals, Vol. II*, as well as another scratch work in their October/November, 2014 issue. She was also featured in *International Artist Magazine* in the June/July, 2017 issue.

In addition to art, Linda enjoys photography, travel, gardening, cooking and proudly holds an "Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator" license. Believing God has given her a wonderful gift, she also enjoys sharing her artistic talent to support numerous charitable events each year.