



## **Jo Lena Corkern**

Jo Lena lives in Mt. Juliet with her husband, Kevin, and daughters, Jennifer and Rachael. Prior to their move to Mt. Juliet in 2001, she was an office manager for an architectural and landscape architectural firm in Knoxville for 13 years and prior to that worked for another architect in Tacoma, Washington for two years.

Jo Lena's desire to paint comes from a life-long love of art. As a child, she enjoyed drawing and everything about art. While in college, her curriculum included several art classes. When she moved to Mt. Juliet almost 10 years ago, she had an opportunity to pursue painting, something she had dreamed of for years. She studied under local professional artist, Shirley Pharris for five years. She is inspired by the beauty of the mountains, the roar of the ocean, the quiet of a rural summer day, and the vibrant colors of a spring flower. A love for the "ARTS" runs in the family. Her husband is an architect, Jennifer is finishing a master's degree in interior design at SCAD in Savannah, GA in 2011, and Rachael is very involved in choir and drama at MJHS.

Jo Lena is a member of the Fine Arts Guild of the West Wilson Community Arts Alliance. Her paintings include landscapes, waterscapes, portraits, still lifes and reproductions of the old master's paintings. She can be reached at 615-613-6485.