

# Laura D. Poss

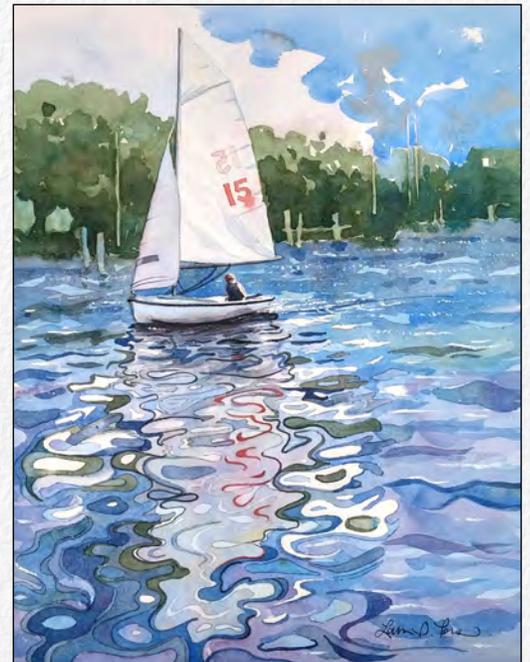
## WATERCOLORS BY LAURA D. POSS

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### New Artwork: Summer's for Sailboats

This painting was inspired during a trip to Oriental, NC this past August, when I observed the sailing school boats, "Flying Juniors", enjoying some time on the water.

I have family in Oriental, and I have lived there twice. It's one of my favorite places. In fact, I lived in Oriental when I started painting with watercolors. I was first inspired to try the medium by the work of a watercolorist named Ernest Johnson. Unfortunately, Mr. Johnson passed away before I discovered his simple but beautiful watercolors, which mostly depicted sailboats and related themes. The impact was huge, though. I still think of his art as the number one reason that I decided to pick up watercolors myself, and I always think of him when painting sailboats and the like.



### New Artwork: A Day Well Spent

I observed this scene on the same day in Oriental, as the "Flying Juniors" returned to the harbor. It was a beautiful day. August in Oriental is hot, but there was a good breeze and I bet it felt amazing out on the water.

I'd like to add that these boats belong to Bow to Stern sailing school in Oriental. Jim Edwards was kind enough help me learn more about his boats. They are 14' and are one of two major boats used for high school and college racing.

## New Artwork: Docked for Dinner

Here is a painting that I just finished just last week. If it seems a little familiar, it might be because I painted a very similar scene earlier this year, using the same reference photo. However, I approached this painting quite differently. I was happy with the composition and mood of the first painting, but I wasn't completely satisfied with the end result. So I painted it again, changed a lot of the color choices and placement of objects, and I like it better this time.

For this painting I used a reference photo that I took in Southport, NC. On this side of town are most of the favorite local restaurants, all of which have parking both for cars and for boats. One thing is for sure; the seafood will be excellent, no matter which way you arrive! (And don't forget to walk across the street for ice cream before you go.)



## From my Sketchbook: Great Horned Owl

Here's something else I've been working on. I drew these Great horned owls in my planning sketchbook a few weeks ago because I've been thinking about doing a new owl watercolor. The Great horned owls are so cool. I've only seen one once, and she was a rescued owl living in captivity. I would love to see one in the wild one day. Their eyes are huge and unwavering and I think they look like the kings of the forest!

It would also be a new bird for me in watercolor. What do you think? Would you like to see new owl art? If so, what kind of owl would you choose? Email me at [laura@lauraposs.com](mailto:laura@lauraposs.com) or leave a message on my [facebook page](#) if you would like to share your opinion! I love hearing new thoughts and ideas because they give me things to think about that might not ever occur to me otherwise!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## **THIS WEEKEND!**

### **33rd Annual Church Street Arts & Craft Show**

Saturday, October 8 • 10 am - 5 pm

Downtown Waynesville, NC

Booth #86

The Annual Church Street Art & Craft Show is one of the premier juried art shows in NC. Held during the height of the color season in the Great Smoky Mountains, the show attracts more than 20,000 visitors. More than 100 artists, crafters and food vendors from the southeast transform Main Street Waynesville into an art & craft marketplace for this one-day event. This event began on Church Street but has since grown to fill Main Street and become one of the finest juried art shows in the region. More information at [churchstfest.com](http://churchstfest.com)

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### **Craftsmen's Christmas Classic Art & Craft Festival**

Thanksgiving Weekend, November 25 – 27

Friday 9 - 6 • Saturday 10 - 6 • Sunday 11 - 5

Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Greensboro, NC

A Thanksgiving Weekend Tradition for 43 years, the Craftsmen's Christmas Classic is the biggest art show in Greensboro. It brings together hundreds of the nation's finest artists and craftsmen, showcasing their incredible talents and techniques. It is a great place to find handmade gifts for yourself or holiday giving! Get your tickets online at a discount, or print out coupons to use at the door at [gilmoreshows.com](http://gilmoreshows.com)

Dear Readers and Friends,

Thank you for subscribing to my newsletter and allowing me to share my artwork and my journey as an artist with you. I look forward to seeing you all. I hope you can make it out to one of my shows, and if you can't, my home studio and gallery are open to you anytime. Please call (336.239.9061) or email me ([laura@lauraposs.com](mailto:laura@lauraposs.com)) for an appointment.

Have a great weekend! Don't forget that I'll be at the Church Street Festival in Waynesville this Saturday. I missed the show last year, but I'll be back in my same spot (booth #86, across from the Suntrust Bank) this year.

Sincerely,

*Laura*