



Artist Mary Beth Welch, 1928-2009, enjoyed a twenty-year career of drawing, painting, and teaching. In addition to her visual art studies at Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas, and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas, she studied painting with many fine artists, among them Bud Diggs of Dallas and Nellie Johnson of Lake Charles. She also participated in numerous workshops and festivals throughout Louisiana and Texas, and was an active member of the Brush and Palette Club in Colorado City, Texas, and the Crowley Art Association in Crowley, Louisiana.

As a longtime member of the Crowley Art Association (1982–1996), she was presented with a Service Award for her contributions to The Gallery in 1986 and won several awards, including Best Overall, for her submissions in festivals and competitions, such as the Rice Festival and San Antonio Fiesta.

Although she chose a variety of media and subjects for her work, this Gala Retrospective highlights her passion for oils and watercolors of florals and landscapes. She was especially inspired by the natural beauty of Texas and Louisiana landscapes.

