Mary Jo (Faris) Hinds was born in Sheridan, Wyoming, where her father operated a sign shop. Exposure to her father’s artistic abilities sparked an interest in her, which later produced a desire to develop her natural talent for art.

Upon retirement, she enrolled in classes with a local artist who encouraged her love of oil painting. At the time, she hoped to paint a few pieces to hang in her home and give to her children as gifts. This quickly changed as Mary Jo gained pride and satisfaction from capturing the beauty of the world on canvas. Her passion for oil painting was ignited!

Mary Jo hopes that her artwork brings beauty and peace to others in a fast-paced world. She strongly believes the greatest teacher is practice and learning to appreciate the beauty in everything.