



# Chee Kludt Ricketts

Chee Kludt Ricketts was a Hampton Roads resident for over thirty years, moving to the foothills of the Blue Ridge in Greene County a decade ago. While living in Coastal Virginia, she taught students of all ages from three to eighty-three, concluding her teaching career at Hampton Roads Academy, where she was instrumental in developing the Academy's Fine Arts program.

Retirement from full-time teaching has afforded Chee the opportunity to pursue painting on a regular basis. Her paintings reflect her interest in the effects of light on the natural world and her affinity for the brilliant colors that abound in nature. Her style is constantly evolving as she moves from tighter, more controlled representational work to paintings that reflect her feelings about a particular subject.

Although she limits her time for teaching, Chee has been invited to present multi-day workshops and demonstrations sponsored by the Central Virginia Watercolor Guild, the Shenandoah Valley Art Center in Waynesboro, and The Arts Center in Orange, VA. She occasionally hosts and/or teaches groups of painters on her Greene County farm.

A native of Camden, South Carolina and a graduate of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA, Chee earned credit in additional classes and graduate courses at The College of William and Mary, Old Dominion University, Christopher Newport University, La Salle University, and Thomas Nelson Community College and has studied with nationally recognized artists. She feels, however, that practice is the best teacher; therefore, she devotes as much time as possible to working in her studio or *en plein air* on the hills surrounding her farm. Her work is exhibited in juried exhibitions throughout the Southeast and may be found in numerous regional public collections, as well as in private collections nationwide.

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