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## **BIOGRAPHY of JULIE DUPRE BUCKNER**

"Portraits remain my most challenging, and thus favorite venue in painting." According to Buckner, "I can not imagine a career more satisfying. Each portrait is unique to the person depicted. Though in times past only very wealthy families had commissioned portraits, more and more families are commissioning portraits for the first time."

Buckner works in both oil and pastel mediums for her portrait work. Her work can be seen at the Wealth Planners office in Baton Rouge, which hosts a series of art shows Mrs. Buckner organizes and participates in. Other work includes illustrating Clovis Crawfish books, a south Louisiana favorite. A schedule of book signings for her latest work, "Clovis Crawfish and the Twin Sister," can be found on her website, [www.juliebuckner.com](http://www.juliebuckner.com).

The artist also teaches academic art lessons at Live Oaks Plantation in Rosedale, La., and an abstract painting class for beginners in Baton Rouge. "I find my portrait work benefits from my varied experience with different mediums and styles."

Like most artists, Julie Dupre Buckner has been drawing since childhood. Painting began through private lessons at the age of thirteen after moving to Pineville, La. At fourteen she sold an oil portrait of two young sisters. This was the artist's first experience with commissioned work.

A graduate of Louisiana Tech University magna cum laude with a BFA, the artist then continued studies in Italy. Studying the Italian Renaissance masters' work was a profound experience for her.

Portraits by Julie Dupre Buckner can be found in private collections in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Virginia, Georgia, Arizona and New York. The artist has studied with nationally acclaimed portrait artist Michael Del Priore. Memberships include the Portrait Society of America, the Louisiana Art & Artists Guild, and the Fellowship of Christian Portrait Artists.

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