

Inside Tequesta ...

Connecting our Past to our Present - One Story at a Time

Julie Beaumont
Local Artist

A Conversation with Julie Silk Beaumont: Rooted in Nature, Inspired by Art

Why Tequesta?

In 1966, Julie's father who had retired to Montana was asked to come to work at Pratt & Whitney. family made the move to Florida, settling in the Hunt Club, now part of Turtle Creek. Julie fondly remembers the horse barn and the many animals that roamed the area at the time. If the name Gentle Ben rings a bell, you might be interested to know that scenes from the popular TV show were occasionally filmed in the region.

Around 1967–1968, Julie's family moved again, this time to Point Circle in Tequesta Country Club. As a child, Julie found herself captivated by Tequesta's natural beauty. One of her favorite memories includes swimming with "Georgie Girl," a dolphin that was once a beloved resident of the Loxahatchee River. Julie's connection to the outdoors continues to this day through kayaking and exploring our local natural areas.

After living elsewhere for 12 years, Julie returned to Tequesta for good in the 1980s. The Village had grown considerably, but in her heart, it was – and still is – home.

A Life Rooted in the Environment

Julie's passion for nature and environmental preservation shines through in everything she does, from her art to her landscaping. When asked about changes she's less fond of, she pointed to the prevalence of manicured lawns in the Village. Her own yard stands as a flourishing example of natural Florida plantings that require no irrigation. Julie has even started a neighborhood garden club, hoping to inspire fellow residents to embrace native landscaping that conserves water and celebrates biodiversity.



An Artist's Journey

Julie credits her high school art teacher at Jupiter High School with sparking her artistic path. Encouraged to take additional classes at the Lighthouse Center for the Arts, Julie submitted a piece to a student art show where she unexpectedly won. Though she did not initially set out to become an artist, that moment planted a seed. It wasn't until her early to mid-30s, however, that she fully embraced her talent and grew confident in her abilities.

Today, Julie is an accomplished artist and one of the creative forces behind The Village Art Studios in the Publix Plaza. Her vision: to provide a space where local artists can display their work and be seen. "Artists need to be shown," she says. Julie delights in mentoring others, especially students, and encouraging them to explore their creative potential.

With the support of the Village Manager, Julie now curates a rotating art exhibit in the lobby of Village Hall, showcasing the work of local artists every few months. Visitors are encouraged to stop by and enjoy this ever-changing celebration of local talent.

Words of Wisdom from a Lifelong Local

When asked what advice she would offer to new residents, Julie's answer was simple:

"Enjoy the simple pleasures Tequesta has to offer."

As for what she hopes never changes? Julie responded without hesitation: **"I hope Tequesta doesn't grow any more and keeps its hometown feel – it is Paradise!"**