



# Spotlight on...



## Miss Alison

Can artistic talent be embedded in DNA? If so Alison Amelchenko couldn't have been anything other than an artist. Her father and sister and now her own son and daughter all have worked or are working in the art field. In addition, three family members are architects.

Alison is a graduate of Pratt Institute, a prestigious art school in New York. As a note of interest, her father, sister and daughter are also alumni of Pratt. A favorite family story is the time when her father was attending a lecture at school by Norman Rockwell and was able to see up close the charcoal drawings he used for the Saturday Evening Post.

She is inspired by the work of Georgia O'Keeffe because "her colors and interpretation of nature is as unique and authentic as her life". Alison works with all drawing materials plus watercolors and acrylics but uses oils on canvas in the final phase. Presently, she is creating paintings with skies and nature's wonders as her subjects.

A long time member of the OCAG, Alison, enjoys the historic building, the beautiful setting in Island Heights and the ever changing art exhibits.

Alison is fully committed to passing down her passion and talent to the next generation thru her teachings at



the Ocean County Artists' Guild children's program; she says it is her personal joy. This year-round program which Alison started when she was president of OCAG serves the local youths from age five to twelve focusing on drawing and painting with an occasional 3D project included.

Right now Alison is ramping up for her eight week summer arts program. You can find all the details about this wonderful program on our website.