Peggy Maltman hails from California but Mossman is grateful that she calls Starke her home now! Peggy grew up in Oakland where her parents and teachers encouraged her artistic talents at a young age. She even won a coloring contest in grade school with the prize being a free trip to Disneyland. Peggy remembers that her mom gave her crayons as a kid and told her to draw when she was upset or feeling blue. Ever since then, Art puts Peggy in a happy place.

Fast forward to teen years when her parents bought and ran a bakery in the old mission town of San Juan Baptista. Working and baking was a family affair with sisters and parents all putting in many hours to run the bakery. While she always made time for art, Peggy learned how to create all manner of cakes and treats….lucky for Mossman!

The old mission architecture of her younger years and the California vibe influenced her painting style. Peggy loves colors and layering with some of her favorite artists being Van Gogh and Monet.

Eventually, the lure of an easier life and less stress on the wallet brought the family to Florida. One by one, Peggy's family made their homes in the greater keystone/starke area. Florida turned out to be the right move! Peggy now enjoys her lovely home with hubby, sister, two dogs and two cats. And yes, she is painting and baking. Come see Peggy's distinctive paintings and more at Mossman Hall. As Peggy

says, “paintings are like potato chips, you can never have just one”.