

## Bio of Jo Ann Frisch



I have been drawing since childhood, especially plants and animals.

I was the clerical support for a team of naturalists at Sunol Regional Wilderness for thirty-two years. Edited the naturalists' writing, created and illustrated fliers, designed brochures and posters for special events and wrote articles for "Sunol Chatter," a newsletter for volunteer docents.

Studied watercolor for six years, was a member of the Pleasanton Art League and exhibited paintings in art shows. Also, attended Web Design and Computer Graphics classes at Las Positas College, Livermore.

My notecards of wildflowers and plants, including their uses by local Native Americans, are available at the visitor centers of the East Bay Regional Park District.

In 2007, illustrated a brochure "Local Indian Uses of Plants, a Self-Guided Trail of Leona Canyon Regional Open Space Preserve" for EBRPD. And, retired in 2007.

In 2012, compiled, edited, illustrated and self-published "Plant Uses by California Native Americans Rumsen and Mutsun Ohlone" of fifty plants.

In 2014, revised "Plant Uses by California Native Americans Rumsen and Mutsun Ohlone" and produced a companion "Plant Uses... Coloring Book." I donated fifty-one pen and ink illustrations of native plants for the Park District's "Ohlone Curriculum with Bay Miwok Content," by Beverly R. Ortiz, Ph.D.

Currently, I'm a member of Fremont Area Writers, writing a memoir and a novel.

I'm widowed, have two sons and three grandchildren.