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ARTIST BIO

Art saved my life — twice. Most recently, it was the daily motivation for long days of occupational and physical therapy from an illness. I have spent 30+ years working in the graphic and instructional design arenas for companies like, Disney, Apple, Microsoft and T-Mobile. I created a line of children's books and toys, but after my illness my art began to shift in a new direction. With my background in design, I started to create patterns with simple iconic shapes or words to tell the story of my pieces. My subjects are simple, whimsical expressions of animals and flowers that use a diorama of layers that have dimension and heart. Some patterns take forty plus hours to create. Then I mix in paper, wood, cloth, and metal textures to bring the stories to life. Finally, I place the focus on my animal's, and I nurture them until their love becomes the star. I have named my style - Whimsical Digital Collage.

I live in the Pacific Northwest where inspiration is a way of life. I love to travel and experience the wonders of the country. My husband, dog Snickerdoodle and I recently purchased an Airstream to travel more.

EDUCATION

Bellevue Collage
University of California San Diego
San Diego State University
University of Arizona

ARTIST SHOWS & EXPERIENCE

- * THE CULTURAL CENTER OF CAPE COD - South Yarmouth, MA - National Juried Show - March - April 2021
- * ART LEAGUE OF BAYTOWN - Cove, TX - National Juried Show - January 2021
- * WOMENSWORKART - Poughkeepsie, NY - National Juried Show - December 2020
- * ART CALL 2020 - ADC Fine Art | BLINK ART - Cincinnati, OH - National Juried Show - Nov. 2020 - Jan. 2021
- * LAS LAGUNA GALLERY - Laguna Beach, CA - National Juried Show - Nov. 2020 - Jan. 2021
- * TALL GRASS ARTS ASSOCIATION - Park Forest, IL - National Juried Show - Oct. 2020 - Jan. 2021
- * STOLA CONTEMPORARY GALLERY - National Juried Show - Oct. - Nov. 2020
- * LIGHT SPACE & TIME ONLINE GALLERY - National Juried Show - Sep. - Oct. 2020
- * ART GALLERY DANVILLE - Danville CA - National Juried Show - September 2020
- * 2020 ART ABILITY AT BRYN MAWR REHAB HOSPITAL - Malvern, PA 19355 - International Juried Show - Oct/Oct. 2020 - Feb. 2021
- * THE GALLERY @ PARAGON - Phoenixville, PA - National Juried Show - August 2020
- * THE BLUE CAT GALLERY & STUDIO - Wayne, NE - National Juried Show - July 2020
- * THE ART CENTER HIGHLAND PARK - Highland Park II - National Juried Show - June-July 2020
- * SEBASTOPOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS - Sebastopol CA - National Juried Show - June-July 2020
- * ARTLESS BASTARD GALLERY - Green Bay WI - National Juried Show - June-July 2020
- * SACRAMENTO FINE ARTS CENTER - Carmichael, CA - National Juried Show - June 2020
- * ROWAYTON ARTS CENTER - Norwalk, CT - National Juried Show - May-June 2020
- * HURON VALLEY COUNSEL OF THE ARTS - Highland, MI - National Juried Show - March-April 2020
- * ARTS ILLIANA GALLERY CROW SHOW - Terre Haute - National Juried Show - February-April 2020
- * PARKLANE GALLERY SMALL WORKS - Kirkland WA - National Juried Show - December 2019
- * HOLLY JOLLY MARKET - Snohomish WA - Local Juried Show - November 2019
- * BARN AT HOLLY FARMS - Woodinville WA - Local Juried Show - October 2019
- * MOLBAK'S GARDEN AND HOME - Woodinville WA - Local Juried Show - September 2019
- * WOODHOUSE WINE - Woodinville WA - Local Juried Show-August 2019 - September
- * CELEBRATE WOODINVILLE - Woodinville WA - Local Juried Show - August 2019
- * BEAUTY OF THE PNW SHOW - Edmonds WA - Gallery North - Local Juried Show - August 2019
- * HOLLYWOOD SCHOOL HOUSE - Woodinville WA -- May 2019
- * DRINK PINK NOVELTY HILL/JUNIUK - Woodinville WA - Local Juried Show - May 2019
- * BIRDS OF PNW ARTISANS MERCANTILE - Snohomish WA - Local show - January - February 2019
- * WOODHOUSE WINERY - Woodinville WA - Local Juried Show - December 2018
- * WOODINVILLE VISITORS CENTER - - Woodinville WA - Local Juried Show - November - December 2018
- * ARTISANS MERCANTILE - Snohomish WA - One-woman local show - October - November 2018
- * CELEBRATE WOODINVILLE - Lynwood WA - Local Juried Show - August 2018
- * INSPARK THREE WOMEN SHOW - Snohomish WA - May - July 2018, June - December 2019
- * SEVEN CHILDREN'S BOOKS - Amazon 2010 - Present - Written and illustrated.
- * CHILDREN'S TOYS - For the seven books - 2012-2019
- * MACWORLD - San Francisco CA - International Juried Digital Art Show 2009 (Sunday in the Park was 1 of 20 out of 2000+ entries)
- * SAN DIEGO ZOO & WILD ANIMAL PARK - San Diego CA 1985-87 Greeting cards, Posters. & Custom pieces for annual auction.