

Artist Statement

I am a self taught artist. After six years, four majors and two schools -none being art related- I finally found my path when I picked up a paint brush after my son was born.

I originally specialized in custom designed, hand painted stemware after discovering how much I enjoyed painting glass. Through the advantages of social media I went from selling in the local arts district to shipping world wide. I have expanded into a variety of medium art.

Spending hours hiking in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park with my family, my work is heavily influenced by nature. Trees, botanicals and flowers are often subject matter for my pieces.

Business took a halt and my direction changed when I was diagnosed Bipolar 1. Inspired by my own journey and struggle I now use my art to help raise awareness and end the stigma on mental illness. I hope to change the perspective and open dialogue for my children's and future generations.

I also teach a variety of paint classes at the local zoo, libraries, galleries and other establishments. I am fortunate to share my story with educational organizations and schools.