



Art Box

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Artist



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Artist Statement

I grew up in a very creative home with an artist Mother and musician Father. Personal expression was encouraged and I tried all sorts of media at a young age. I vividly remember my Easy Bake shop where friends could buy treats out of my garage. The very same garage was the site of my first artshow featuring mosaics.

When I moved to Sutter County to become an art educator the exploration of my own art took a back seat while I concentrated my focus on teaching high school art. Now, 28 years later, I have once again explored many different media from pen and ink, pastels, watercolor, oils and acrylics. My current artwork is watercolor and goes back to the early 1990's when I was in college. The jellyfish are new work inspired by my recent visit to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Based on the dozens of pictures I took, I tried capturing the translucent quality they poses with ink and watercolor. What was challenging was making the fluid, delicate creatures look ethereal and I'm not sure I achieved that. My favorite thing about pen and ink is the vivid shades and that inspired me to focus on the bright colors and details of the underwater creatures.

While focusing on underwater sealife I felt a new appreciation for our amazing world. The jellyfish could be my new spirit animal the way they seem to effortlessly float about, hanging out with friends and living in a beautiful blue environment. I hope you enjoy my artwork.



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