

## About Me...

*I grew up in an artsy family and have dabbled in art my whole life. When we took apart my daughter's toddler bed a few years ago, I had a vision of using the boards to do clay relief. A book entitled "Artful Paper Clay" by Rogene Manas was so helpful in providing the techniques for doing paper clay relief on wood. After a while, I started incorporating glass agate slices into my clay work to create more functional pieces like lanterns (inspired by my father, who creates stained glass pieces). I have also learned that clay relief can be done on canvas as well as entire pieces of furniture!*

*Another one of my passions is animals. I currently share my home with 5 dogs, 2 goats, 5 chickens, a rooster, 3 cockatiels, 2 conures and 20-some parakeets in an outdoor aviary. When I opened Whoof on the Wharf last summer (a waterfront club in Edgewater that specializes in getting folks out on kayaks with their pups), I really wanted to spend the off-season pursuing art endeavors in our clubhouse. I taught myself to paint pups with acrylic paint on canvas so I could lead paint-your-pet nights there, and now I also teach kids to paint dogs in our summer camps. More recently, I have branched out to painting glass. I enjoy painting in bright colors and adding unique items to my paintings. If you look closely, you will see charms hanging from some of the collars.*

## Bonnie McLeod



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