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Bio:

The grumpy rooster who bravely announces morning, the herd of horses thriving on green pastures, children joyfully jumping in mountain streams, and hands lovingly working the soil...these are what inspire the art of Marsha Holmes. Holmes was classically trained as an artist and is inspired by the Blue Ridge mountains where she lives and works in her studio. Her goal is to mindfully see and express through her drawings and paintings. As a teacher, she strives to help her students go beyond simply looking and learn to really see.

Holmes is especially known for her drawing skills, along with her finely executed oil and acrylic paintings. She has exhibited throughout the Carolinas, receiving numerous awards and recognition. Her work is in many private collections on the East Coast. In addition, she is a member of Out of the Blue, a group of artists who meet and exhibit.

Artist Statement:

From an early age, I fell in love with the line,
The graphite line that leads to a shape...
The shape that holds textures and colors, coming together in a balanced composition.
These define my journey of discovery and awareness.

Recent Awards and Recognition

2023: Second Place-Best of the Blue Ridge/Ashe County Arts Council

2022: Third Place-Best of the Blue Ridge/Ashe County Arts Council

2022: Included in **Painters and Their Paintings** by Doug Munroe

2019: Honorable Mention - Best Of The Blue Ridge Exhibition

2018: First Place and Honorable Mention / Blue Ridge ArtSpace, Watauga County Arts Council

2015: Second Place / High Country Watermedia Society

2014: Selected as Artist in Residence at Edgewood Cottage, Blowing Rock Art and History Museum

Published In All About Women

Published In Watauga Democrat

2013: Third Place- Best Of The Blue Ridge Exhibition

Third Place- Cheap Joe's Winter Exhibit

2012: Second Place / High Country Watermedia Society

2011: Second Place- Cheap Joe's Winter Exhibit

Selected Exhibits

2024:

- Flow: A Celebration of the Unexpected–Out of the Blue group exhibit–Blowing Rock Art & History Museum

2023:

- Flow: Open to the Unexpected–Out of the Blue group exhibit–Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts

2022:

- Yes!--Out of the Blue group exhibit – Wilkes Art Gallery
- Out of the Blue group exhibit – Jones House Main Gallery
- Painters of Ashe Exhibit – Florence Thomas Art School

2019:

- Out of the Blue group exhibit -- Ashe County Arts Council

2018:

- Out of the Blue group exhibit – Florence Thomas Art School
- Clouds --Serendipity Gallery , Watauga County Arts Council
- Petal Pushers--Main Gallery , Watauga County Arts Council

2017:

- Out of the Blue group exhibit -- Ashe County Arts Council
- GiGi's Frame & Art Gallery, Statesville
- Cheap Joe's Annual Winter Show
- Earth, Wind and Fire -- Serendipity Gallery, Watauga County Arts Council
- Out of the Blue/Anything Goes -- Watauga County Arts Council