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"Twigs and Twine" by B.G. Lewis, acrylic, 11x14in, 2017, \$175

B.G. (Bobbie Gayle) Lewis is a self-taught Kentucky artist finding her passion in painting after a professional career in the medical field. The Garrard Community resident enjoys teaching painting classes to children and adults at the Community Arts Center located in Lancaster, Kentucky.

Although she didn't formally study art, Folk Artist, Janice Miller, was an early mentor for Lewis, as were painters Jerry Yarnelle and Pat Banks. Currently she is studying portraiture with Chantel Barber.

"It started with just one painting. From the beginning an empty canvas stirred my creative juices. Once begun, the painting takes on a life of its own, leading me from hobby to art. Painting fills me with a sense of accomplishment and integrity, and has proven a most amenable vehicle for translating inner vision into outer reality."

"Although I work quite deliberately, consciously employing both traditional and innovative techniques, my unconscious is the undisputed project manager.

The creative nature of painting frees my imagination and provides many opportunities for happy accidents and grace to influence the finished product."

"The world around me inspires and invigorates a renewed sense of creativity. Awed by the mystery of how creation occurs, I strive to produce art that represents the world in a 'perfect' state."



"Cardinal Knowledge" by BG Lewis, acrylic, 8x10in, 2017, \$150

Even as she develops, Lewis' work still display her roots in the primitive aspects of Folk Art. In "Cardinal Knowledge" her use of vintage newspapers from 1930's in her background is an individual

connection to an aged and nostalgic sensibility, one that connotes pre-World War II America and the Great Depression.

Lewis' art is on exhibit at Maple Tree Gallery, Boyle County Arts Council in Danville Kentucky as well as the Grand Theater and Garrard Community Arts Center, in Lancaster Kentucky. She has exhibited in multiple shows in Kentucky and has sold her artwork to collectors across the country.

Hometown: Lancaster, Kentucky

Education: Self-taught

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"Morning Melody" by BG Lewis, acrylic, 11x14in, \$175



"Showers of Blessings" by BG Lewis, acrylic, acrylic, 10x24in, \$175

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