



The Burlington County Art Guild Artists Spotlight

Sherry Dellaria McGrath



How long have you been an artist?

A: I think I was born to be an artist. When I was less than 5, my younger sister even remembers me saying, "You have to do the whole floor", while we proceeded to take a huge bottle of baby powder and cover the entire kitchen floor to where you couldn't see anything but 'white'. Mom woke from her nap to see our 'masterpiece'. We even had powder in our eyelashes. I really do think that is why my work is so 'tight'. I must cover all of the surface. I sold my first painting at 15 yrs. old, but I didn't consider myself professional until well into adulthood.

What type of art do you like to create?

A: Objects that are full of life, move and flow.

What is your favorite medium to work in?

Do you, or have you ever done work in other medium?

A: I like to experiment with other mediums but my favorite and most comfortable medium I turn to would be ink. No longer 'Pen & Ink" but just - Ink, as in different types and brands of pens. They are portable and easier to work with. No spills, no clean up and the pen points (nibs) don't get clogged-which means no blobs to try to fix. I also like to work in acrylic on canvas.



What inspires you most for your artwork?

A: Anything that comes from Nature that swirls, curls or flows or has an interesting edge, texture or color.

Do you do other creative activities, like music, writing, etc.?

A: I love music-but I don't think I'd be an easy learner of how to play music. Listening to my favorite tunes is a must to help get those creative juices flowing. I love to read-but I feel I am not good with words or expressing myself verbally. I am so sure I have given the wrong impression many, many times.



What are you currently working on?

A: Currently, I am working on "The Magic Garden". It is about 20x16" drawn in black ink but will be full of color when finished. It's quite detailed and "tight" as with most of my ink work.

Do you have any specific goals for your art?

A: I used to have specific goals for my art, like ending up with work on display in a magazine or museum. But, now I don't focus on getting to the destination, for me, it's more about 'enjoying the ride'. Tomorrow is not promised to anyone so why not just enjoy the success I have now? I'm just going to ride it out and see where it goes.

Do you find yourself able to create art when you're facing a difficult or stressful time? If so, is the creative process more or less difficult for you?

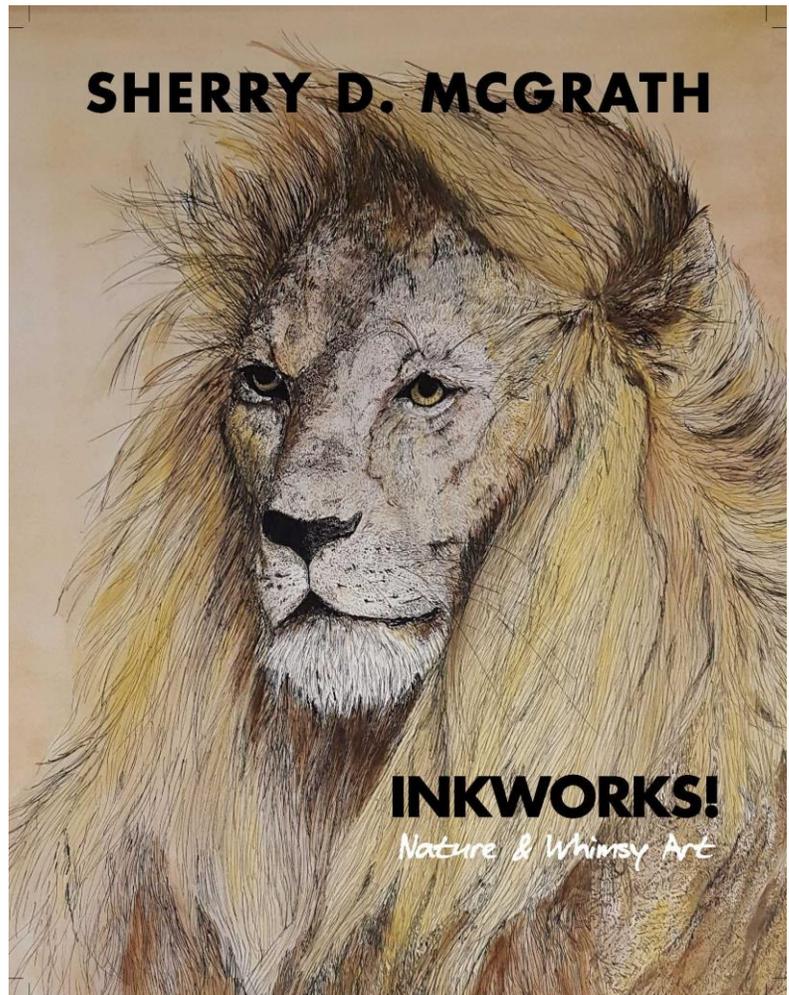
A: Sometimes, I may have a short creative block after finishing a piece. It depends on the stress, I may physically not have time to create but if so, there are always images swirling around my brain that I will need to get down on a surface before too long. I don't think I can really say I have stress. I do worry about things I can't control sometimes. I'm trying to work on that.

Has your artwork changed over time?

A: Yes, I feel my work has improved, along with my focus on my work, since I quit my full time job 4 ½ yrs. ago. There was so much negativity that I felt it affected my work at times and mostly that I just didn't have the extra time. Since then I have been fully devoted to my work and have developed a style of my own that is sometimes easy to know as my work without looking for the signature. I like to describe it as "Van Gogh Meets Mucha"

Who are some of your favorite artists?

A: Dale Chihuly, Salvador Dali, Alphonse Mucha, Vincent Van Gogh



Do you post your work online? Do you have a website?

A: Yes, an official website that also has links to other sites, Etsy and Vida and also social media. I think you could find almost anything from visiting: www.sherrydmcgrath.com or my art Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sdmcgrathmoonart/>

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you or your art?

A: After working on illustrations for a book that the author didn't finish, I decided to create an illustration book of my own. It's entitled Inkworks! Nature & Whimsy Art and was published in early 2020. It's available for purchase in hardcover and digital format.



Small works and textiles are available at gift shops: The Octopus's Garden, Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts and Medford Arts Center.

Can you include contact info for any member that may have a question for you?

A: Contact me anytime at: sherrydmcgrath@gmail.com

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<https://www.etsy.com/shop/SDMMOONARTStudioNJ>

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