



## **Uniting US**

### **Veteran Art Show**

### **October 1, 2020 - Ongoing**

**The Hill Center** is hosting a virtual art show featuring the works of **Uniting US** Artists. Art and self-expression are especially helpful in these times of COVID-19 isolation. The art show will feature approximately 125 pieces in total. We will also offer supplementary programming such as virtual artists' interviews. The exhibit link is as follows:

<https://www.hillcenterdc.org/artist/uniting-us-veterans-art-show/>

**Uniting US** is organized by a small nucleus of veterans and family members who promote art-making as a mode of wellness. showcases the artistic expression of veterans and family members through exhibition and sales. As part of national programming, Uniting US artists have lived in every US state and territory and in more than 50 countries worldwide. In addition to unique and inspiring art shows, Uniting US also offers the opportunity to sponsor an artist, or to learn more about military life with “Art Framing the Discussion” art talks. We communicate regularly with all Uniting US artists and facilitate donations of art supplies, classes/training, and artwork exhibit preparations. Uniting US artists receive 100% of any sales and artist sponsorships.

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**Hill Center** presents rotating exhibits by regional artists in the exquisitely renovated Civil War-era Old Naval Hospital. Hill Center Galleries consists of six distinct exhibition spaces, many with 14-foot ceilings and 8-foot windows. Since opening in 2011, we have been privileged to present the work of several hundreds of emerging and established artists. All artwork is available for purchase and a portion of proceeds supports free community programs at Hill Center, a non-profit arts and cultural organization.

### **Hill Center**

*“Our amazing team of regular, and part-time volunteers are committed to helping others build wellness and strength,”* says Uniting US founder Air Force veteran AnnMarie Halterman. *“and we gain perspective from the artistic talents and voices of others.”*

For more information visit: [www.unitingus.org](http://www.unitingus.org)

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Below are a sampling of Uniting US artworks



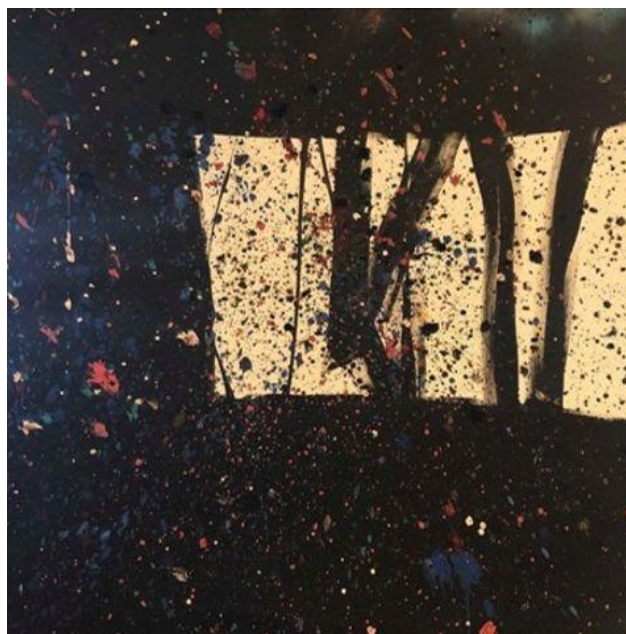
***My Broken Heart Made Whole***

Glass and solder

Tiffany Wheeler – Air Force Family

Taking all my shattered pieces and creating something beautiful.

*“Art takes my broken pieces and makes me feel whole. Art allows me to find peace in a world at war and helps me escape this chaotic world and provides my soul peace while helping me cope with the realities of life. I feel my art is a way to deal with my inner chaos... not sure how anyone would want to see that!”*



***Window from the Dark***

Acrylic on Canvas with Gunpowder

Zachary Herrick – Army veteran 2019-2016

The chaotic dark storm that is depression may feel as if its caving in, making the window out look like it's harder and harder to see out.

*“I do art because it brings me a sense of peace and wellness and I want to give to others what I have learned. Art helps me be grounded and refocuses my energy. Showing my art work to the public brings me so much joy. Seeing others understanding the story behind the painting is my reward.”*

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### ***The Tower***

Tarot card collage on canvas board  
Cynthia Scott – Air Force Veteran 1979-2007

My 9/11 World Trade Center Towers painting is layered with a fragment from Pakistani artist Imran Qureshi.

*“In Tarot readings, The Tower card suggests sudden, dramatic change. This was certainly the case for me as I left my Houston home and was mobilized to the Pentagon immediately after the attacks. I use my original Tarot deck for my own contemplation, and readings with friends.”*



### ***Searching for a Heart of Gold, I Am Growing Old***

Clay, wood and paint  
Kasse Andrews-Weller – Air Force veteran 1980-2009

This art interprets the words of a song. The gold heart has the word "love" imprinted very small. Kasse is constantly looking for the hearts of gold.

*“Doing art is my passion. Art provides serenity. Having the opportunity to exhibit my artwork validates my effort and visually displays my emotions and thoughts.”*

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