



May 2020

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope all of you are well and safe. I have missed our gatherings. But good news, we are working on virtual meetings. We will try it for our May meeting on May 12 from 6 to 8 through Zoom or Facebook with more information to follow. If you are interested in joining us, send a note to loralee.mal@cox.net. We will do the artwork of the month online as we are doing this month Remember send in your art to Mesaartonline@gmail.com. Please send in critique art to the same email and make sure your name is there and what you are asking about.

We are postponing the Holland Gallery Show to next February. We are also exploring veteran art classes through zoom. I will send off that information at the end of the week.

Don't forget our open art contest on Facebook, Mesa Art League, AZ group. It is open to any artist any age. The winner will be chosen by the most likes and will win a membership to Mesa Art League and a \$50 local gift certificate. if you have any comments or ideas, or you have items would like on our meeting agenda, send them to me.

Take care, stay well and keep on creating.

Loralee

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New Feature – Getting to Know You!
Loralee Stickel-Harris

Loralee started working with seniors in a group home and saw what happens when they were given crayons and paper and was amazed at the transformation. “Their eyes brighten and they feel that suddenly there is a purpose to their lives.” She also saw this happening with the veterans she and the Mesa Art League work with. “They concentrate on their creations knowing that we are not judgmental of their work; that it’s only about creativity and not perfection.” This shows the heart of this genuinely generous artist volunteer. Her work with the Mesa Art League and their wonderful veterans’ programs (now in five separate locations) embodies the spirit of the volunteer world.

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Upcoming Shows

Holland in February 2021



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MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - Scholarships are available to MAL members for attending a special workshop or class. You can apply for up to a \$250 scholarship to help with the tuitions. Due dates to apply for 2020 are: Feb 29, May 31, Aug 31, Nov 30. See application at:

www.mesaartleague.com/_pdf/Membership/MAL-Membership-Scholarship-Contest.pdf

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Upcoming Shows!

Holland -- February 2021

VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAKE THIS ONE OF OUR BEST SHOWS

If you are interested in helping out, send Loralee or Vivian a note.

We will also have a special Veteran Art exhibit in hallway that month.

Streamline Art Video

We plan to do this for as long as we're locked down. To watch these broadcasts about art:

1. Open Facebook
2. Search "Streamline Art Video"
3. Follow Streamline Art Video
4. Wait for the broadcast to start at the time listed. It will pop up automatically.
5. Click to view the broadcast

MESA ART LEAGUE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, VETERAN CLASSES AND DISPLAY SCHEDULES ARE ON HOLD UNTIL THE MONTH OF MAY DUE TO THE COVID 19 VIRUS

Getting to know Loralee!

Loralee said she has learned the importance of the creative process in our lives. She says she came in late to the visual art world. “Having failed cutting and pasting in my youth, I focused on creative problem solving.” After she retired, she took a class in welding art. “During my first day in class (after listening to the safety speech which should have scared me off) I cut steel with fire, and was hooked.” At the beginning of her welding art, she focused on garden art, cactus and coyote, rusted steel abstracts, masks, etc., and then she found copper. The color and texture of copper inspired her to create amazing pieces of art. She joined the Mesa Art League in 2006 and was shortly juried into the Arizona Art Alliance.

“My goal for the Mesa Art League is to encourage creativity in the people we work with – no matter the medium...for the more we exercise our total brain, the healthier and happier we are...for studies have shown that being creative enhances our senior years.”

Loralee and her Mesa Art League volunteers are a major reason for the success of the Arizona Art Alliance’s “The Art of Healing” veterans program. Mesa Active Adult Center offered her a necessary classroom in the startup of MAL’s Veterans Program and they began by creating drawings, acrylics, ink on copper, collage, a collaborative flag, and a piece of art called “After Picasso!” which she says, “still hangs at the center.” With her leadership, they have expanded the program to include the Mesa Multigenerational Center and the Citadel. Her words “Keep on Creating!” are inspirational.

May Demo

Vivian Stearns-Kohler

SALT PAINTING - A technique that gives dimension to a painting and visual appeal



Items needed:

- Tarp, large plastic tablecloth or old tablecloth to work on
- Salt in a shaker container
- Acrylic paint (craft paint is fine for this project)
- Old/used artist paint brush (small, medium or large depending on design and glue used)
- Canvas (cardboard canvas is fine any size...I used a small cardboard one)
- White glue (like Elmer’s)
- Old toothbrush or small stiff brush for removing excess salt from design
- Blow dryer to facilitate background paint & salt/glue to dry quicker

AAA News - Go to the AAA website

for the latest news. <https://azartalliance.com>

Other websites:

<http://www.artresourcecenter.org/>

<http://www.brushandpen.com/>

<https://www.mesaartscenter.com/classes>

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-6056160>

Vivian Stearns-Kohler Art – www.etoilecreations.com
(fused glass, oil and acrylic paintings)

Fashion clothing, Accessories & Home Décor -
<http://bit.ly/2IVAVTp>

Children’s books -

“Princess Grumpy pants” (e-book/www.Amazon.com)

“Bella Blue’s Big Adventures” (e-book/www.Amazon.com)

May Artwork of the Month online!

Submit by May 31st

You will have until May 31st at 6 PM to
send your art to

MesaArtOnline@gmail.com,

Art will be posted on the website!

Votes will be counted after June 8th at
6PM and winner will be revealed at the
monthly meeting on June 9th.

Please send your vote
to MesaArtExec@gmail.com,

One Vote per Member!

Please put in the subject line:

For Website Art Challenge,

**Include the number of the art piece in
the body of the email when you vote.**

Winner will receive a free membership
to the Mesa Art League

PLUS, a bonus PRIZE!

We look forward to seeing your COVID
19 Creativity.

Mesa Art League Board

The art should be a recent piece,
particularly something you are
currently working on during this
time of self-isolation.

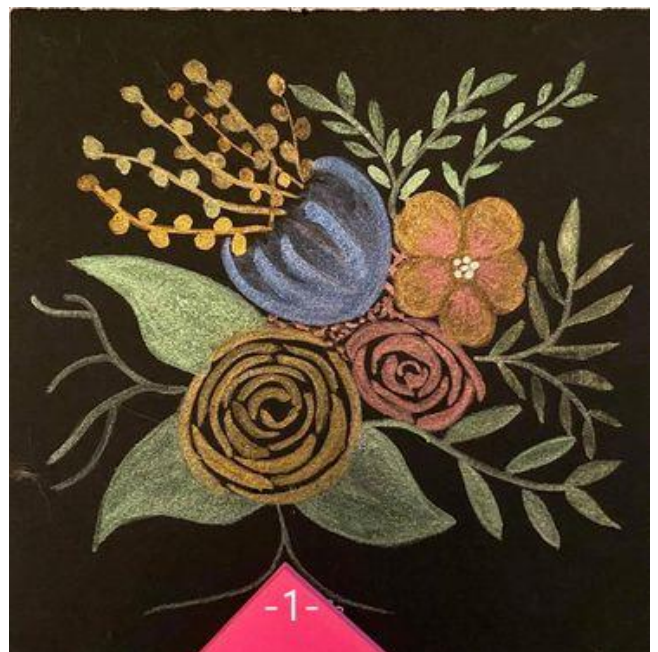
Submissions will be your choice,
2d or 3d, oils, acrylics,
watercolors, miniatures,
sculpture, jewelry, pottery,
ceramics, porcelain or welding.

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best photograph you can! Size
doesn't matter but quality does!

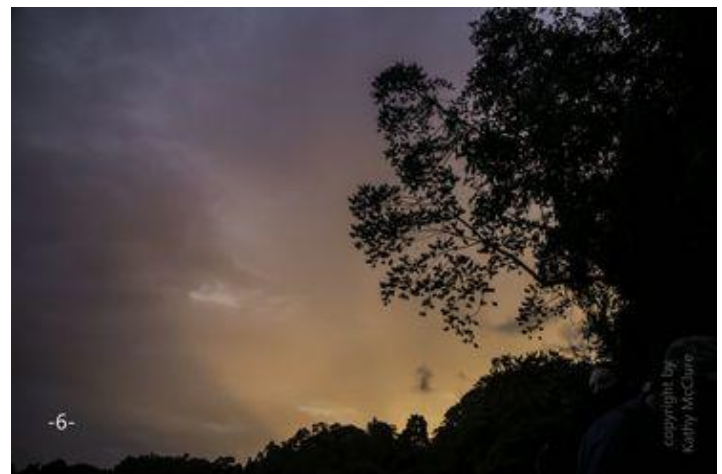
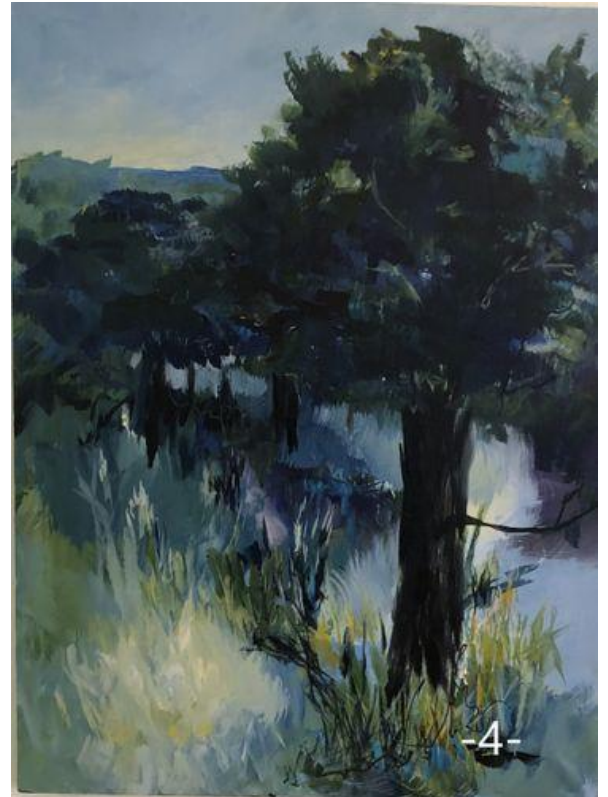
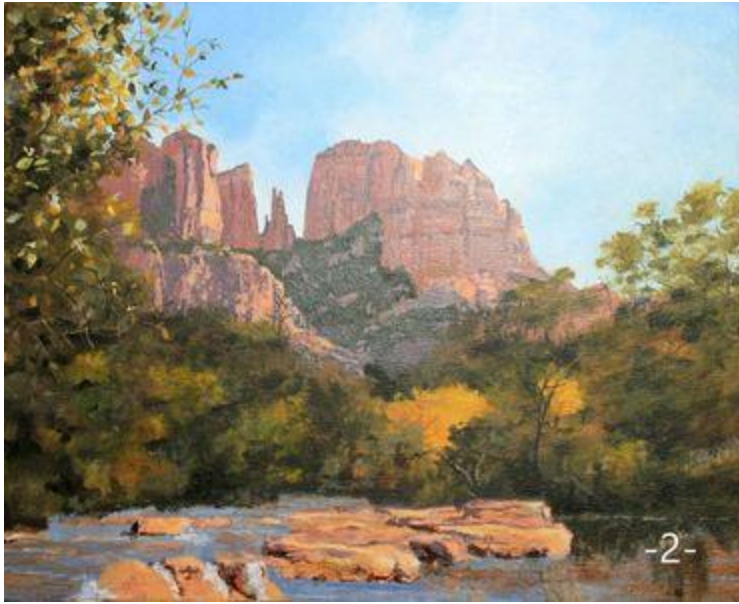
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include background.

April Artwork of the Month

Competition Pieces Follow:



April Artwork of the Month Continued...



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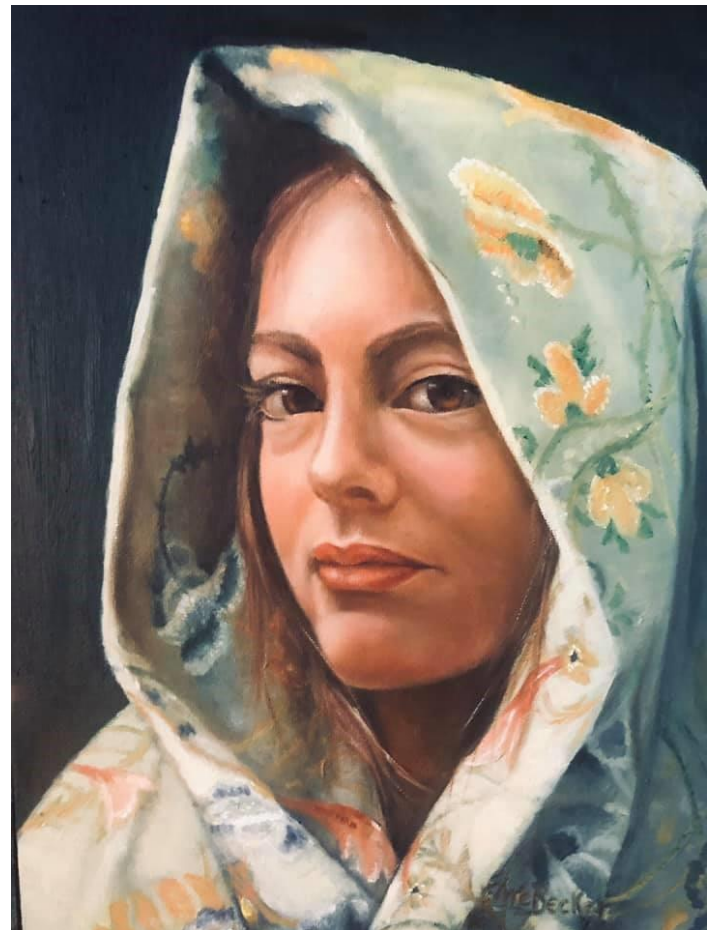
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**April Challenge
Winner for
Facebook**

Facebook April Winner with the
most likes was....

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For "Hidden Emotions"

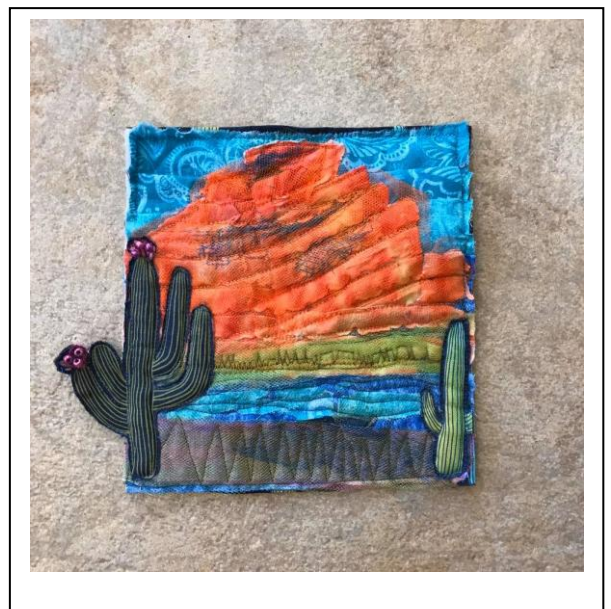
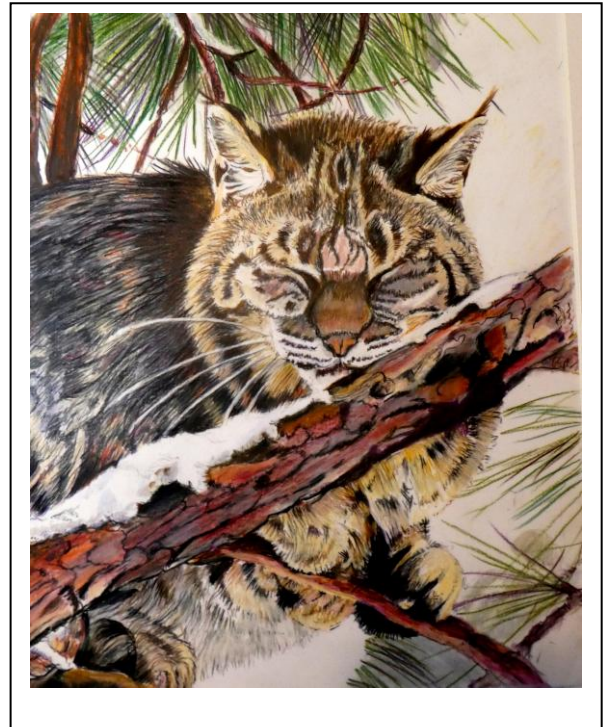
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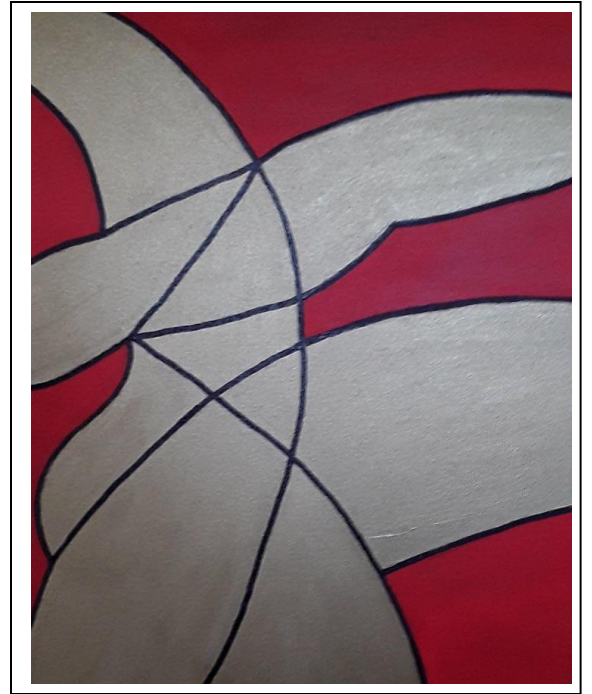
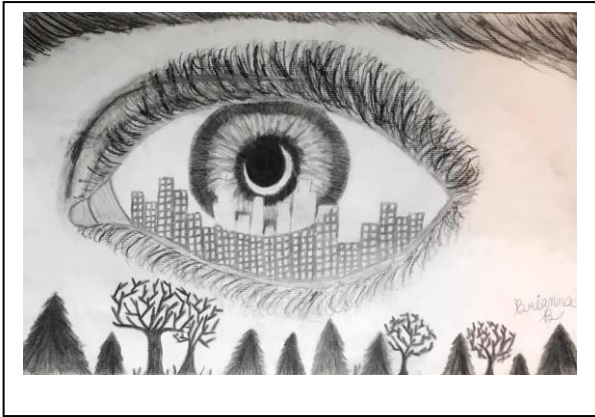
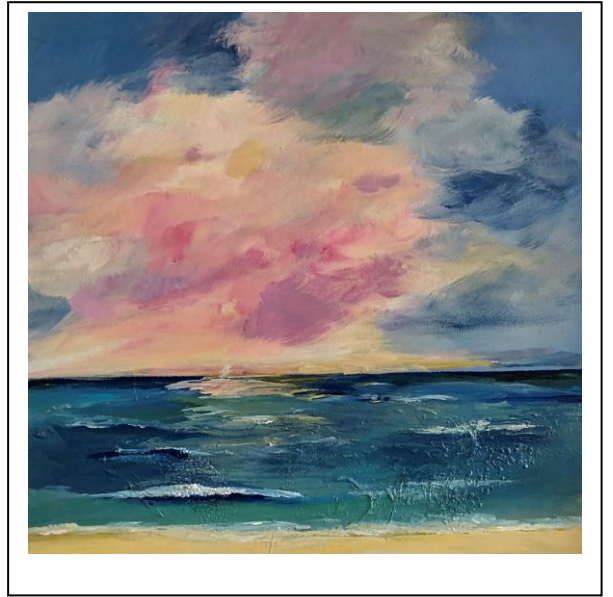
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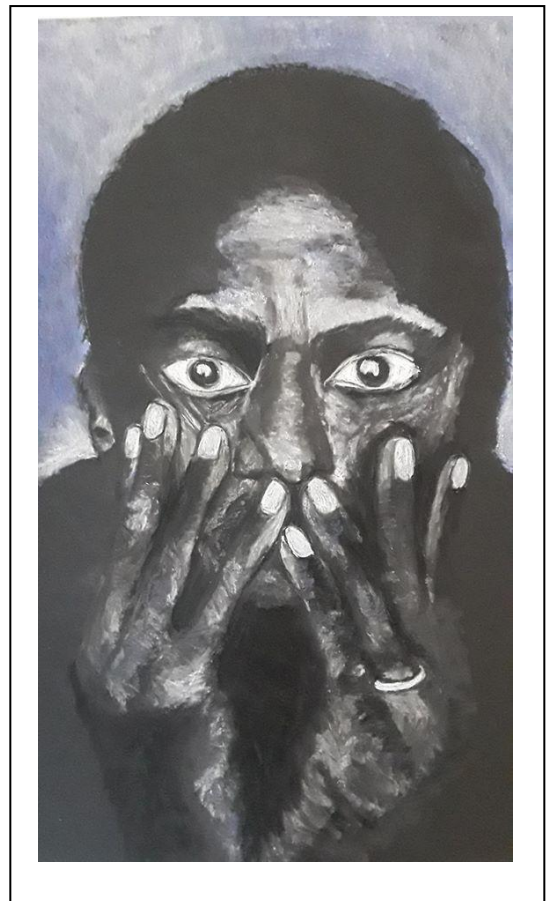
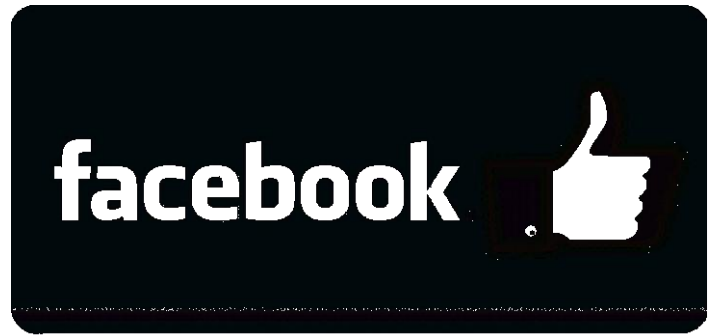
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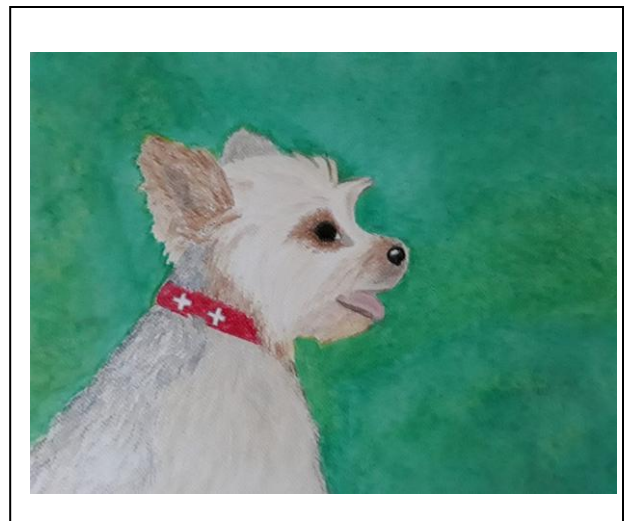
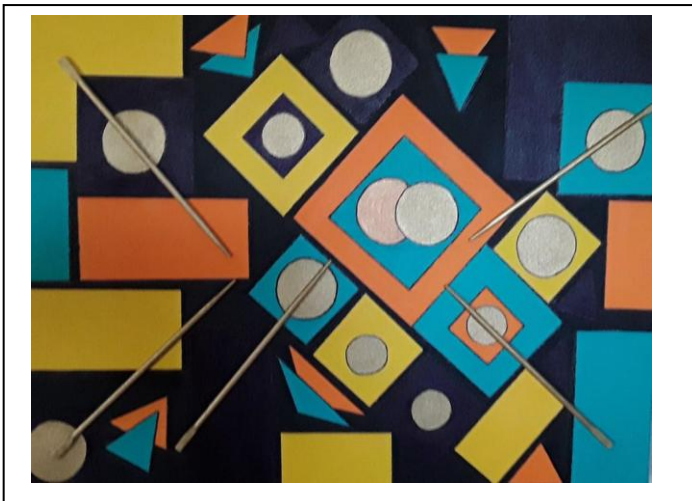
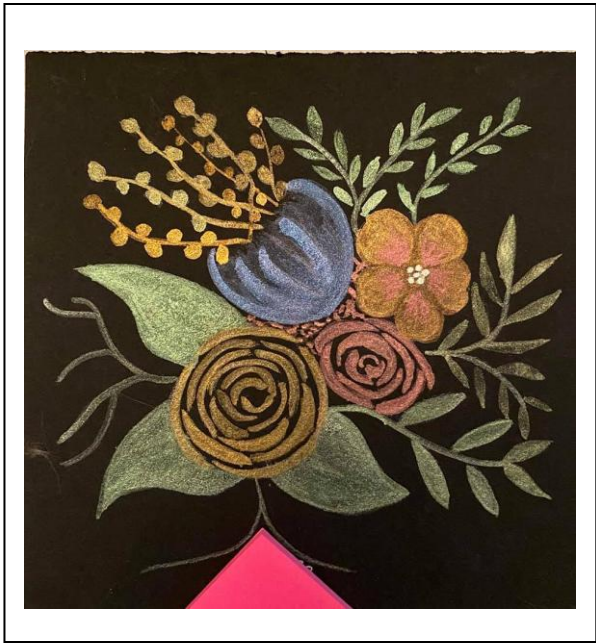
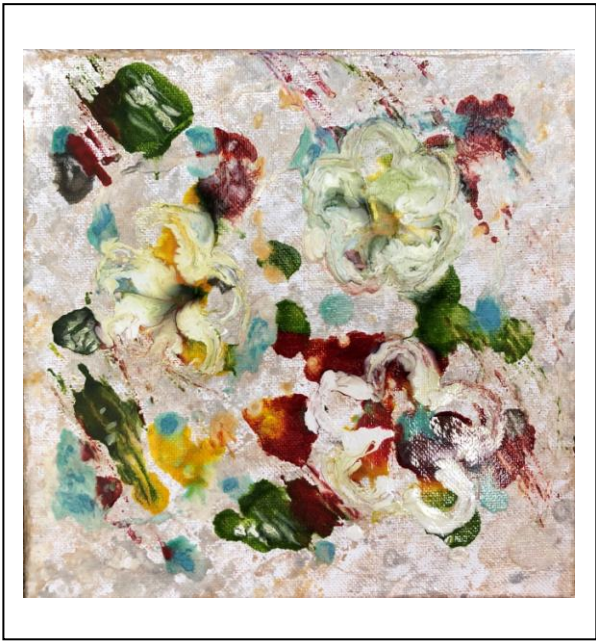
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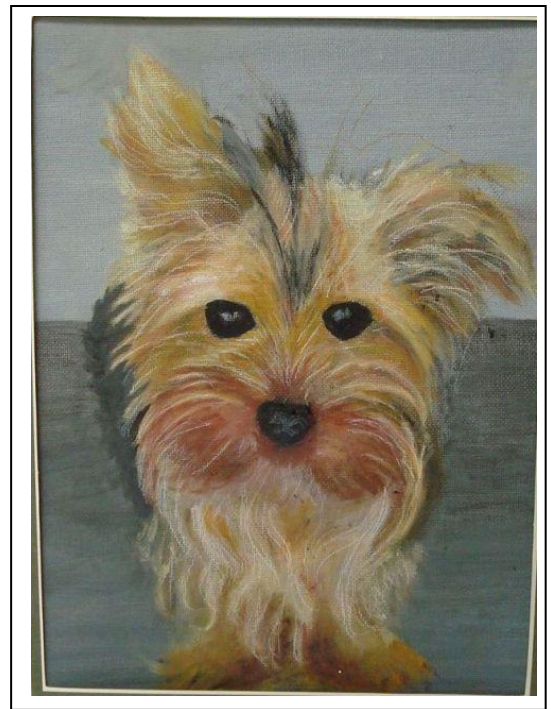




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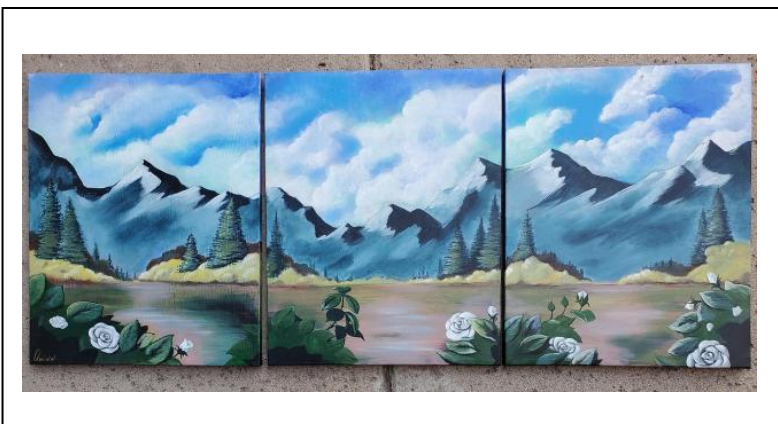
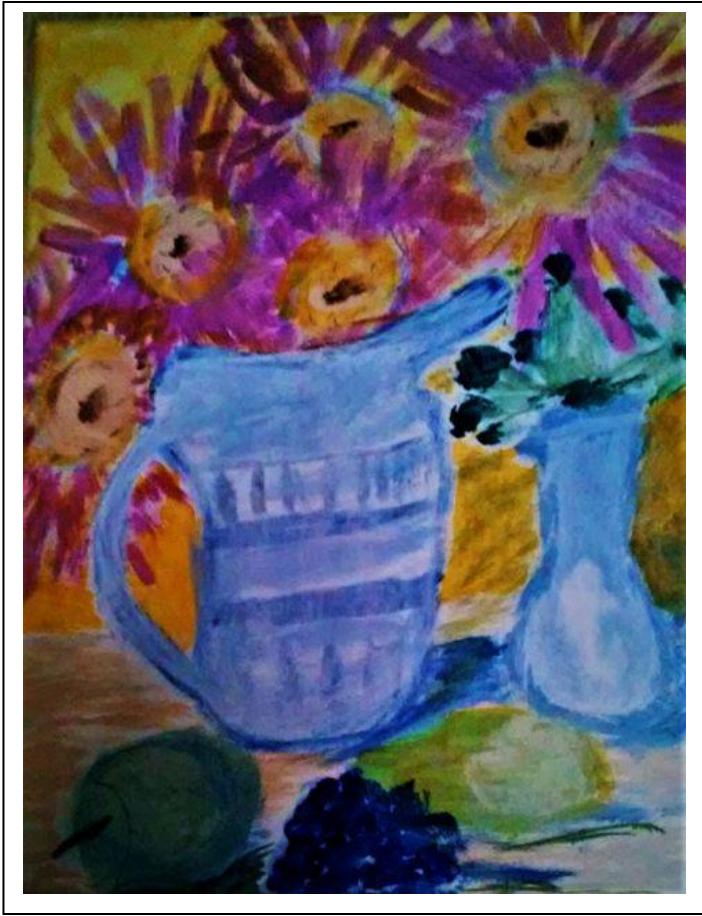






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