

SURREAL STUDIOS – ART BY LAINIE STRANGE



EARLY INTEREST IN ART

My interest and love for art started at a young age with some of my early memories making little paper books and adding illustrations. Book subjects included storytelling about my summer vacations to Colorado as well as my love for Snoopy and the Peanuts gang. I was fortunate enough to have inherited some fabulous artistic genes from both sides of my family. My family were both great influencers and cheerleaders as I grew up.

My teenage years blossomed a love for pencil portrait work. Friends and family will recall a lot of drawings of my favorite musicians!

COLLEGE

As I started my graphic design and art degree at the University of Missouri – Columbia, I have memories of recruiting dorm friends to be my subjects for portrait drawings to hone my skills. College studio classes exposed me to a whole new world of media, including COLOR! Oil painting, watercolor, sculpture, screen printing and more, I just couldn't get enough. By the time I graduated, I had a real love for colored pencil and watercolor and that continues to this day as you will see in my collection. I have added in acrylic work in recent years.

AFTER COLLEGE

After college, in 1993, I joined the local city art club and very quickly, became heavily involved and made many friendships. I served on many committees and held many offices in that group, including President from 2001–3. This also opened me to art show competitions. I have participated in one of our local art shows since

1993, including a Best of Show award in 1999. I had my first personal exhibit in 2004. During this timeframe, I continued to create nature and floral art, mostly Missouri scenery, using colored pencil, watercolor pencil and watercolor.

RECENT ACTIVITY

Life happens and making time to do what I love artistically has had many ebbs and flows over the past 10–15 years. Despite that, I always made time to finish at least one painting per year to keep it an integral part of my life. In the last several years, I also started dabbling with acrylic rock painting and ornament painting, which I have really enjoyed. At the end of 2018, I made a New Year’ s resolution to myself that I would carve out much more time for what I love, as it has so many positively profound effects on my life. Within the first few months of 2019, I had completed two nature paintings and soon after, started a “Butterflies and Blooms” series, which I continue to develop in 2019. Stay tuned!

I hope you enjoy my creations as much as I do in bringing them to life!

-- Lainie

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