

## Fresh Gallery FFAW – June 2019 Featured Artists

We have two featured artists in June. Abstract painter Nancy Dornan and mixed media artist Becky White. Their show, *Old Favorites/New Directions* is appropriately named as they are both exploring new directions with their work.

Nancy Dornan began painting in 2009. Attending classes and workshops over the years, Nancy explored a variety of mediums and styles. One of her greatest gifts early on was attending a workshop which encouraged painting big on large canvases with looseness and abandonment. That was a very freeing experience for Nancy.

“I love to explore color and texture in a variety of subjects. I am attracted to bold colors and bold textures contrasting with subtle smooth paint passages. These transitional passages make me literally get my hands in my work. The tactile nature of my work requires a variety of tools, sometime to the exclusion of traditional brushes. Some of my work has been likened to an architectural dig, revealing layers of texture with color peeking through. Multiple layers of color and texture interplaying against, over, and under various layers appeals to me. “

Becky White is a mixed media artist with a self-proclaimed ridiculous passion for gardening. Her work is primarily based in fiber and encaustic. She uses plant materials from the garden she and her husband have cultivated over the past twenty plus years as both inspiration and component in her art.

“I wander through our garden and take macro photos. When you get really close to a flower or a leaf, even the bark on a tree, it ceases to be an object. It becomes an amazing example of texture, pattern and shape. Mixed media allows me the freedom to interpret what I see and create 2D, 3D, functional and non-functional work. No limitations. No boundaries. I love jumping down the “What If?” rabbit hole of experimentation and discovering where it leads.”

Nancy and Becky will be hosting two receptions in June. Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm and Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm. Join us for refreshments and see where the artist’s *New Directions* have taken them.