

Artist Statement / Bio:

Born in Brooklyn with a passion to create, I drew chalk animals on the sidewalk while my friends were making hopscotch boards. My education at CUNY included art history and painting, but I discovered a greater love for collage for which I received awards at juried exhibitions in the northeast, including the Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit. My cut paper collages were sold at B.Altman in NYC and in fine department stores across the country and were incorporated as fabric appliques in a line of women's loungewear.

My passion transitioned into more dimensional forms of art, handcrafting bead and stone jewelry and home décor. I eventually returned to my first love but replaced paper with felt. Much of the felt I use is made from recycled plastic bottles. My collages, mounted on stretched canvas, reflect my world in a happy burst of color and shapes, distilled down to their minimal components.

I take inspiration and ideas from my surroundings and the places I visit. Much of my work is my personal reinterpretation of the traditional arts of central Mexico: Otomi and Tejuantepec embroidery, Zapotec alebrijes, Talavera pottery, and Teotitlan weaving. I create still lifes of my favorite tulips and fanciful flowers in a mix of color and pattern, cats and dogs in whimsical settings, and crisp geometric assemblages with centers of vintage and handmade buttons.

Not content with hanging on walls, my designs leap onto one-of-a-kind wearable neckpieces (called "Sheep Thrills") that will always be noticed in a crowd.

I currently reside in Glen Ridge NJ with four wonderful cats and a loving and patient husband who can deal with the needs of a very creative wife.

Curriculum Vitae:

2021	Walk-Bye: Jersey City Public Library	Merry Happy Joy
	Studio Montclair	Greetings From Montclair
	West Essex Arts Association	Small Works Exhibition (virtual)
	Monmouth Museum	Big Art in Small Packages
	West Orange Arts Council	Gift Shop
	Jersey City Artist Studio Tour (JCAST) City Hall – Meagher Rotunda	Hispanic Heritage Month Group Exhibition
	Studio Montclair	State of the Art 2021
	Essex County Senior Art Show	Second Place – Professional Mixed Media
	Newark Arts Festival	Creative Resilience
	Montclair Art Museum	JAM at MAM (virtual)
2020	Barron Arts Center, Woodbridge NJ	Barronfest and Virtual Art catalog
	Jersey City Artist Studio Tour (JCAST) City Hall – Meagher Rotunda	Hispanic Heritage Month Group Exhibition
	Studio Montclair	Greetings From Montclair
2019	Studio Montclair	Greetings From Montclair