

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

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Though I currently live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, my life began in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, the daughter of eastern European parents who taught me the importance of worldwide appreciation of cultural arts and fine crafts. Very early in my life, I began to draw with an over-the-top imagination and a desire to create my world as I see it.

"I start with an idea and then it becomes something else"

--Picasso

As an idea ignites in my mind's eye, it flows through my pencil and emerges on paper or canvas as something more than what I had envisioned. This transformation results in an image or images that travel the fine line between fantasy and reality. Colors, shapes, patterns and architectural details become the focus of development of the idea. The idea flourishes as an energetic "character" that ends in rhythm and movement. My approach to the creative process begins with a single word that builds into a language.

I have worked as a window dresser, interior designer/decorator, muralist, and I am the owner/designer of The General Design Store. I have earned professional degrees in art and design, architecture, special education and philosophy of education. I was retired as a teacher but this year I am back in the classroom teaching special education gifted.

Living in New Mexico has made me even more sensitive to the diversity of the ethnic arts and its effect on my work. Art is a means for me to discover and explore the endless possibilities of my imagination and creativity.

My passion for drawing and painting allows me to participate in endless joy.