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# Places in my Imagination

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"One day you finally knew what you had to do ......and began."

Mary Oliver

#### Artist's Statement.....

"Art is the reflection of life that resides in all of us.

It is the wooden spoon that stirs emotion. It calms the soul or curdles your blood.

A work of art can be a gentle friend, a stern companion, and a way to escape or revere normal.

My paintings are a glimpse into the core of human perception

with color and images that provoke thoughts and memories of the past...

and hopes that linger just out of reach in the future.

Adding layer upon layer of color, the depth of paint
reveals the life of the subject.

As the image emerges there is that wonderful moment of recognition......

Ahhh, there you are!"

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The progression of a painter's work, as it travels in time from point to point, will be toward clarity, toward the elimination of all obstacles between the painter and the idea, and between the idea and the observer. To achieve clarity is, inevitably to be understood.

Mark Rothko 1949

# Latest Work

"Underneath the flight of the Great Blue Heron,
I am warned that I have tread into a space of mythical
protection. Calling out to the sky, heralding my arrival. I look
up with amazement that a winged creature of such stature is
sharing with me his thoughts. gliding through his territorial
perimeters of ownership.

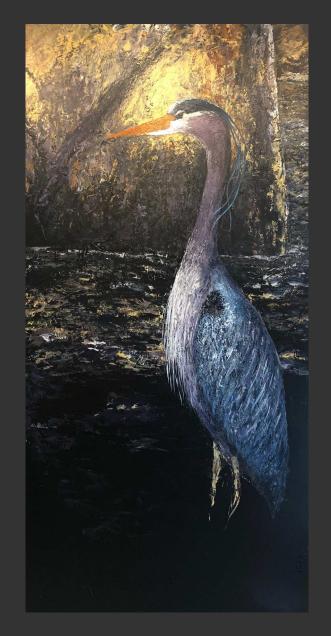
I should learn his language so I can traverse the boundaries of time.."

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### Merlin

Acrylic on Board 6'w x 6'h x 2"d 2021





### Regal Stoicism

Acrylic on Board 4'w x 8'h x 2"d 2021

# Looking for Where the Crawdads Sing

Acrylic on Board 12"w x 12"h x 1.5"c 2022





### The Light is There

Acrylic on Board 12"w x 12"h x 1.5"c 2022



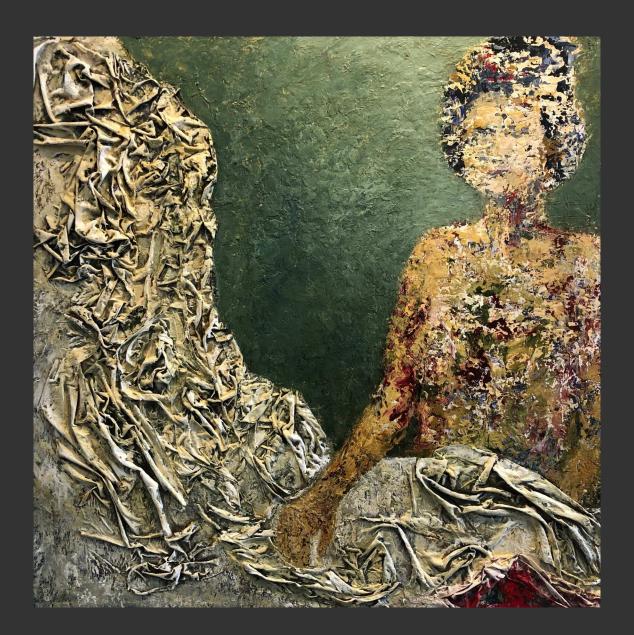
### The Dance

Acrylic on Board 6'w x 6'h x 2"d 2022

# Chrysalis To Begin Anew

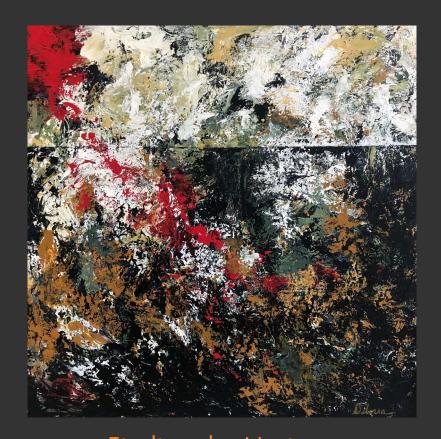
Mixed Media
'Johnny Was' silk Covid masks
Acrylic on Board
96"w x 48"h x 2"d
2022





### Composure of Manner

Acrylic on Board 36"w x 36"h 2020



Finding the Horizon

Acrylic on Linen 48"w x 48"h 2020



Joie de Vivre

Acrylic on Liner 48"w x 60"h 2019



### **Busting Out**

Acrylic on Canvas 60"w x 48"h 2018



### Wild Prance

Acrylic on Canvas 60"w x 48"h 2018

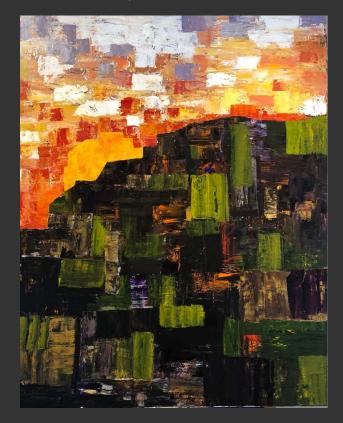
#### From destruction....



Tragic Beauty

Acrylic on Linen 48"h x 60"h 2018

### To the promise of new life.



### Charred Mosaic

Acrylic on Linen 48"w x 60"h 2018

### Wisdom of the Ages

"The cold is leaving my bones
A stirring is seeping into my limbs as the water navigates the verdant humus and downfall.

I laugh to my self thinking, another year.

I look around at the young shoots that are bursting toward the sun.

Which of those bold beginnings will be here when I have taken my last breath?

what do they want to learn in their haste towards the sky?

Do they notice the blackened scars on my torso?

Will they appreciate the deep lines in my face?

Will they lean into me for comfort or turn toward the light?

Which ones will give themselves up to the cleansing fires that will forever

change the landscape?

Do they know they are there to house the young and old? How will they feel when the bear scratches their skin looking for

sustenance?

I will patiently wait for them to ask.

So much to learn, so much to give."

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## Wisdom of the Ages

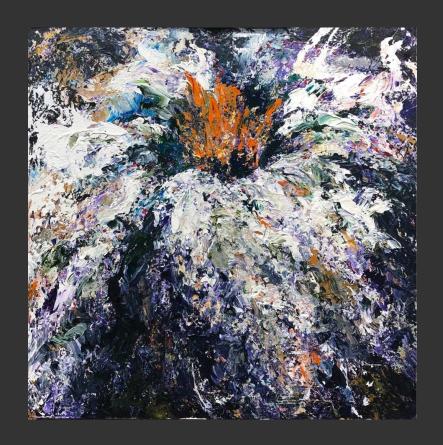
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Acrylic on Canvas 6'w x 2'h x 2"d Triptych 2018



## Feelings of Azure

Acrylic on Board 36"w x 36"h x 2"d 2018



### Unfettered

Acrylic on Linen 30"w x 30"h 2019

Maya Angelou

"To understand where you are going

you must know where you have been."

## Past Work

### Where the Sky Meets the Water

"Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air, are heading home again. Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting over and over announcing your place in the family of things."

Mary Oliver

Wild Geese

Acrylic on Board 94 1/2" w x 60" h Framec 2015



### Commit

"When you hear, a mile away and still out of sight, the churn of the water as it begins to swirl and roil, fretting around the sharp rocks — when you hear the unmistakable pounding — when you feel the mist on your mouth and sense ahead the em battlement, the long falls plunging and steaming — then row, row for your life toward it."

Mary Oliver
West Wind #2

Acrylic on Board 95" w x 60" h Framec 2015





#### Lost in the Camas

Acrylic on Board 84"w x 45"h 2015 "Sitting by the stream listening
to it embrace its journey,
following
a leaf to its destination on the prairie
I contemplate the womb of this golden blanket.
All nature of history has traveled
through this prairie.

The desire to remain traces through my bones to the hollow of the lava fields.

Sit quietly and allow the voices of the grasses to transform your need for change.

Do not hurry to leave.

The towering rocks of Moonstone Mountain sit silently

heralding the end to the warmth of summer.

All forms of life beginning their preparation
for the white blanket

that will put them to bed.

These warm days of Autumn can envelop even the most dedicated into the allure of procrastination.

But life will wrest the beauty of this moment

and hand it back.....

as a memory."



#### Flight

"Lifting ....swirling.....falling to be caught by the warm breeze

The mist of water carrying a cool embrace of delight

Dancing amongst the swells playing

tug of war over sustenance

Who takes it seriously?

.....The quiet will."

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Acrylic on Board 77"w x 43"h 2015

## Elevated Tango

Acrylic on Linen 48"w x 60"h 2019





# Resplendent

Acrylic on Canvas 45.75"w x 43.75"h 2016

#### Elegance of Flight

While laying on my back watching the birds in flight
I wonder at what an ingenious creation all birds are.

What da Vinci geometry
was used to help them lift their many shapes and sizes
without excuses into the air?
I long to share the joyfulness of their dance.
Is the lesson
for me
to cut the tethers that restrain my lofty dreams
no matter their size or shape?

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Gentle Pursuit

Acrylic on Canvas 48"w x 48"h 2016

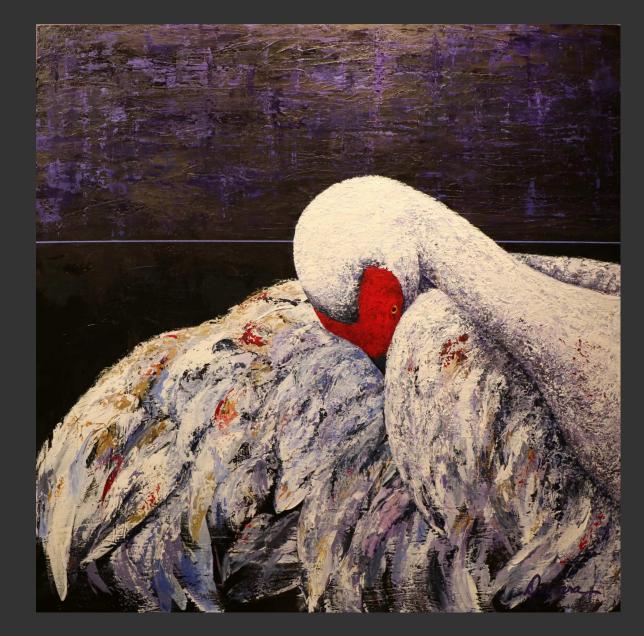


Majestic Presence

Acrylic on Canvas 48"w x 48"h 2016

#### Mahler's Crane

Acrylic on canvas 48"w x 48"h 2016





#### With whom are we in love?

Can you remember the moments without?

When you wake to that soft morning light with whom do you seek comfort?

Whose voice are you eager to hear?

Does that voice travel through the breeze

while the leaves flutter in delight?

As the violins tantalize the oboe

does your body yearn to create a melody?

Love is that blissful reminder that all can be right with the world if .....even for a moment.

#### Intertwined

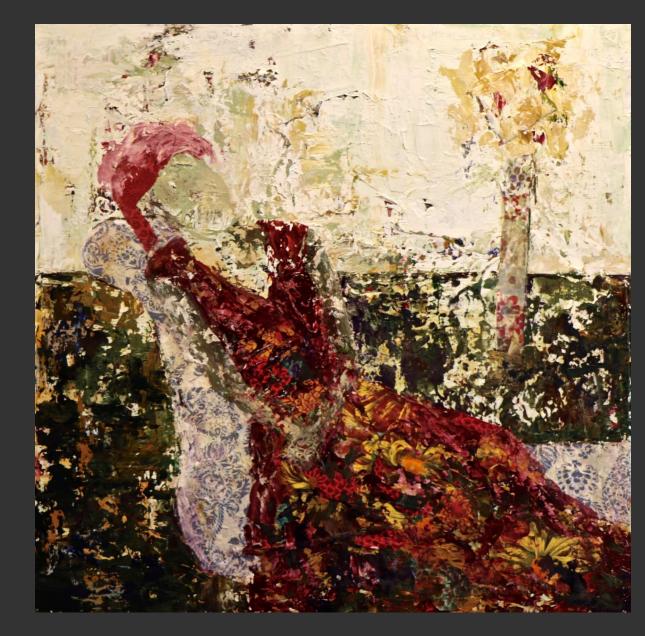
Acrylic on Canvas 48"w x 60"h 2017



"My greatest pleasures are found in the solitude of my studio"

# Wondering

Mixed Media on Board 24"w x 24"h 2017





"That we find a crystal or a poppy beautiful means that we are less alone, that we are more deeply inserted into existence that the course of a single life would lead us to believe."

John Berger

#### Flourish

36"w x 36"h Acrylic on Board 2017



## Dancing with Fate

Acrylic on Canvas 43" x 43" with Iron Frame 2008

#### "The ultimate adrenaline rush. Meeting a hostile foe for the sake of the game.

I will continue to dance with my fate

....painting is my destiny."

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## Morning Rose

8" x 8" Acrylic on Board 2016



#### Everyone's Lotus

YMCA Yoga Studio Ketchum Idaho 7 feet high x 15 feet wide 2014 (Public Installations)







# Small Glimpses ....Large Impact

8" x 8" Acrylic on Wood Board



Independent Dandelion



First Light



A Journey for Tomorrow

#### Moments in Transit

Objet d'Art

#### An American Folk Art Exhibit

"When something is purely made by blending unique and strenuously sought mediums with the hometown's heart, living beings, and nature...

That is Folk Art"

Norka

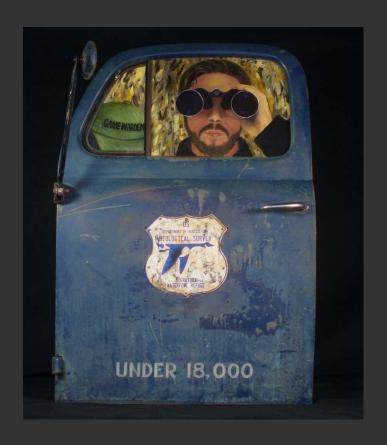
ModArt Gallery Miami Florida





#### Timber Tiger

Acrylic on Board 33.25"w x 3.25"h x 24"d 2018



## Glassing Sandhills

Acrylic on Board 36"w x 52"h x 9"d 2018



#### Cracked Ice

Acrylic on Board Front cowling and windshield of a Ford AA Truck 1933 47"w x 25"h x 18"d 2018



#### Standoff

Acrylic on Board Front Grill of a Willy's Jeep CJ2A 1946 39"w x 21"h x 8"d 2018



#### First Light

Acrylic on Board Rear window and tailgate of a Ford Truck 1948 60"w x 48"h x 25"d 2018

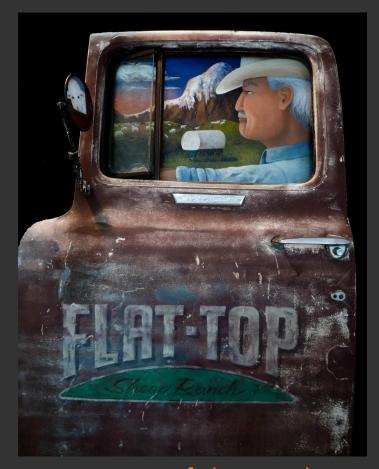


## Boys Night Out

Acrylic on Board Front cowl and windshield of a Ford Truck 1948 51"w x 31"h x 23"d 2017 "I asked Senator Peavey if I could use him as my model and he said "Sure, as long as you have a cowboy hat on my head".

As a matter of fact, he and his family's history as sheep ranchers were the inspiration for this whole assemblage.

Sheep herding is a tough life that allows the authenticity, decency and beauty of the human spirit to prevail."



Stories of the Land

Acrylic on Board Assemblage - Vintage Truck Door 2013



## Dinah just Might

Acrylic on Board 1955 Chevy Bel Aii 31.25"w x 43"h 2009



Catching Raindrops

Acrylic on Board 1955 Chevy Bel Air 31.25"w x 43"h 2009



Bog

Acrylic on Board Assemblage Antique Metal Frame 26"w x 25"h x 3"d 2013 This assemblage is a deeply emotional portrayal of the conflict that arises in opposing belief systems represented by the pounding force of water against the immovable granite.

The metal frame represents the imprisonment that organized religions experience

when the fanatical undercurrents are exposed and the compassionate and tolerant aspects of the belief are hijacked.

"God" is the central power of the main religions in the world.

The most recognizable names given to "God" throughout history are
"Elohim", "Allah", "Jehovah", "Ra", "Shiva", and "Yahweh".

When one is lost in the structure and ritual
the only way to see God is to look in the rear view mirror.

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"Deborra is an energetic, kind, inspiring, and powerful person who I admire and respect. When you observe Deborra working in the studio, you ca see that she is a flurry of creative energy and inspiration. For as long as I have known her she has worked with enthusiasm and focused effort to enhance and refine her artistic talent in order to create thoughtful artworks that are full of life and whimsy. I believe that Deborra has a career ahead that is very much like the natural forms, birds and flowers that she often paints - beautiful, elegant, colorful, and rich with meaning."

\_David deVillier



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