

## Artist Statement

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Individual stories reflect our shared universal experience. My commitment to exploring the theme of personal narratives has been a continuing aspect of my work. Connecting visual stories to the natural world is how I share my belief that nature is essential to our well being, reflecting our connection to it and each other.

The shifting ways in how we perceive life and memories parallels my selection of working methods and material processes. Along with many medias such as acrylic paint, graphite, charcoal, inks, transfer and collage I choose to use watercolor. Mixed media allows me to discover meaning and narratives through the process of materials and the opportunities of unexpected results. Watercolor painting is a seductive process, which reminds me that what happens to us in living is not always predictable but has beauty at it's core.

My most recent images were created as a reminder to find comfort in the natural world during trying times, in moments of personal as well as cultural loss.