Mary Zanders was born in Manning, SC on December 29, 1967.

She came to art late in life. She decided to have a family first and has been married for 30 years, with an adult son and daughter, and granddaughter that she is devoted to. She decided to return to college, after

the death of her father spurred her to pursue her love for art and creating. She has used her dealings with grief and memory to explore these issues. She loves to paint, work with clay, draw, and make all sorts of art. She hopes to pass her love for art onto others, including her two year old granddaughter.