

## **Artist's Resume**

### **MELANIE LEWIS**

#### **EDUCATION**

My art career is a return to a first love. After earning degrees in biology, geology and science education and then working for 30 years as a science educator, I seriously began my art studies in 1998. I've studied drawing and painting at the Austin Museum of Art and Noel Robbins' Independent Study Group. I have been working on my own since 2004.

#### **METHOD**

I enjoy the freedom of working with mixed media. I work mainly with acrylics, ink and sometimes tissue paper. I've developed my drawing and painting skills over the years, so that I am able to combine realism with abstract work. My work is colorful and joyful.

#### **EXHIBITS AND AWARDS**

Since 2001, I have been fortunate to show my work in Austin at various juried exhibits, as well as group/association member shows. I exhibited at the Austin Visual Arts Association 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibit at Dougherty Arts Center, in 2007. I was invited to participate in the Arthouse Five x Seven Benefits since 2008. Several of my paintings have won People's Choice Awards and juror's awards. My paintings can be found in a local Austin synagogue, a doctor's office building, and in private residences in Austin, TX, Houston, TX, and Washington D.C. I have also been asked to donate my artwork for charitable benefits in Austin.