

Artist's Bio

As a mixed media artist, Pat Strittmatter Jacunski-Barker, is interested in producing an atmosphere for people to experience inspiration, healing and passionate reflection through the beauty and freedom found in 'worship art'. Her intent is to create with a purpose beyond simply beautifying a space. "God is a creative God. Made in His image, we are each created to create."

After attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania and majoring in Art Education with a concentration in Fine Arts and various classes at Arrowmont School for the Arts in Gatlinburg, Pat went on as an art educator. Focused on each person being created to create she gave the hope that: "each person has to allow them self time to 'learn a skill' and practice it before their talent can be seen. Some people can learn a skill on their own and practice it and then flourish. Others are more comfortable taking classes. We aren't born able play piano or guitar at a professional level. Learning the skills of playing the instrument has to take place first. It is the same with visual arts. Many people feel they have no talent to create but don't give themselves the time to learn and practice an area of art until their talent is revealed."

Pat taught art at Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy in Ohio. With a move to Kentucky she taught at both Monart School of Drawing and Heritage Christian Academy. After retiring from teaching she opened her own gallery/studio in Covington Arts district in Kentucky to delve into her own time of practicing and developing a greater talent in visual arts.

Her artwork has been exhibited at:

Beaux Arts gallery in the Columbus Museum of Art in Columbus, Ohio

Wallahalla Gallery in Marietta, Ohio

Cincinnati Nature Center in Cincinnati, Ohio

Borders Book Store in East Gate, Ohio

Indigo's Restaurant in Ft Thomas, Kentucky

Red Tree Gallery in Oakley, Ohio

Hollingsworth Gallery in Palm Coast, Florida

Hammock Wine & Cheese in Hammock, FL

FCAL in Palm Coast, Florida

Juried Festivals:

Upper Arlington Fall Festival in Columbus, Ohio

Indian Summer Arts Festival in Marietta, Ohio

Raymond Walters College – Festival in the Woods, Montgomery Ohio

Competition Awards:

Honorable Mention in the **Art For God 2007 – 2008 International Christian Art Competition**

Honorable Mention 2006 Loveland Arts Society Competition

Upcoming Exhibit: Artwork Titled 'Front & Back' will be on display in the Hadera Art Gallery in Israel on March 30th – April 30th and will travel to various cities in the USA including Jacksonville, FL later in the year. Opening reception is April 7th 2016



I pray the artwork will bless you and bring glory to God.

Hope to see you at the upcoming show.

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