

CATHARINE ZANDER

My love of art started at a very young age. At eight years old, I would get on a bus, by myself, every Saturday morning for an hour long ride to take art classes in the Cleveland Museum of Art. I would sit for hours on a little stool with a pad of paper and pastels and try to capture the paintings on the walls - most often the Impressionists. By twelve years old, I had made my mind up - I wanted to be an artist and an art teacher! I never wavered from that conviction.

By thirteen, I was holding art camp for the neighborhood children in our basement. By sixteen, I was teaching art at the large local YMCA - copper enameling, crafts and puppet making.

We had an excellent art department in the private school I went to for junior and senior high. I took every class I could fit in my schedule, from encaustic painting to silk screen printing on fabric. In the summers, I took classes at the Cleveland Institute of Art.

I went to Albion College in Michigan - drawn there by their large new art building and gallery. I received a BA and teaching credential in Art Education. I went to graduate school at Purdue University and received an MA in Art Education. On graduating, my husband and I moved to Palo Alto, CA.

Over many years, I have taught art classes, in many media, for all ages, from young children to senior citizens, for galleries, art stores, schools, rec departments, workshops and private lessons. I teach drawing, painting in watercolor, acrylic, oil and mixed media, and collage. I also teach art to wear.

My styles vary as widely as the media I use, and I draw inspiration from everything around me. Exploring colors is a dominate theme in most of my artwork. When asked what my favorite color is, I'm likely to reply, "the whole rainbow!" My individual art works vary from serene landscapes to playful twists on a theme (like unexpected puns).

I am very eclectic in my work and many people are surprised at the variety, saying, "I didn't know you did that!" Besides painting, I enjoy doing sculpture, printmaking, jewelry and textiles.

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