

ARTIST STATEMENT

Seeing the “hippies” in the park playing music while sitting on their blankets, or dancing nearby wearing their tie-dye psychedelic shirts is what I remember most of my childhood. It was a beautiful time, everyone appeared to be happy and enjoying life. I try to express that through the mood of my artwork with bold color and by having the viewer see the beauty within in my pieces.

“Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication” is a quote by Leonardo DaVinci that captures my work. I use hues, saturation, clean lines and unity. I found that my best design work incorporates projects I have done as a fine artist or photographer. I love making books using my design knowledge, adding photography and fine art to complete the overall concept.

I start by interviewing people or observing things to understand how to process the perfect photograph, design work, or fine art. I am either standing on a chair looking down at an object, driving the distance to get a great outdoor look for the portrait, lying on the ground to get that perfect view of a historical building, measuring objects for the painting, or using Pinterest or YouTube to figure out how to make jewelry or mixed media pieces.

In 2013, I started taking photography seriously when I was given a camera as a gift. I wanted to preserve the memory of all the flowers that were given to me on special occasions as they were so beautiful. From there, my work expanded to landscapes on the Cape and portraits in a studio setting. I was at Bridgewater State University working on photography and lighting projects that allowed me to use their studio for portrait work. That eventually led me to buy my own lighting equipment and backdrops.

I am excited by the process of patiently waiting to capture the elegance of a flower through natural light, and working with people on fun photo shoots and designs. The constant learning experience I received in my design internship with BSU's Athletic Department as well as my fine art classes while at Bridgewater State University has given me the confidence to achieve my goals.

Presently, I am a wedding photographer and my husband is an officiant and project manager. We are pursuing our dreams by teaming up and performing Destination Beach Weddings. We have three adult children and presently reside in SWFL with our dog, Melanie.