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Delinda Chapman

Each piece in the exhibition is inspired by a word associated with the letter of the alphabet. It all started with “Z: Zendo” and lead to the series title Z to A. While grounded in real images the pieces themselves are abstract representations of those ideas. Each piece in the series will likely become a jumping off point for a separate series.

A retired educational administrator and social services administrator, I have been painting acrylic and mixed media abstracts and figures on canvas, masonite board and recycled paper bags.

Mary Frances

I create assemblages primarily with found objects. Environmentalism and the work of David Hammons influence me most. Environmentalism teaches me that nature is the source of all things, including creativity. David teaches me it's okay to use discarded materials, represent the under-privileged, and make a political statement. I find materials for my work anywhere. Judging each piece individually on size, weight, texture, and color, I assemble them together. Eventually, unlike pieces fit together in ways that make people think about unwanted things. These include environmental degradation, exploitation, and conflict. Some of my pieces are satirical or simply interesting to look at. In the future I want to expand my base of materials and continue to express difficult as well as playful concepts.

Mary Ellen Strack

Through my work I try to share my passion of nature and capture its spiritual presence. People flock to The Grand Canyon, the rugged coast of Big Sur, costal views of Kapalua, the red rock formations of Mount Zion, build houses in mountains surrounded by Aspens as a means to experience the powerful presence of nature. I want people to feel energy as it is reflected throughout natural environments. I want to recreate a positive sense, and the power we experienced seeing something truly magnificent. To experience escapism from the mundane pace of life.

My work has evolved over 30 years, now more simplistic and abstract. I work with encounters I have had with nature, to convey the same uplifting beauty and experiences it presents. Hopefully the viewer can reflect and relate with their own encounters.

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