

I am a life-long resident of Springfield, Illinois and though I have been practicing art since the age of 13 my interest in art began very early in life, when a kindergarten teacher would chastise me for not being able to color inside the lines! My motto, to this day, is "color *outside* the lines!"

"The Drawing Room", a small studio in my home, is where all of my creations are put to paper, however, where they *begin* could be absolutely anywhere (daydreaming, the park, a particular song, sentence, LIFE) , I believe there is so much in our daily living that just screams "put me to paper!" and so I do.

My work is categorized as photorealism in drawing. I began by using graphite, added charcoal to that and have grown to use colored pencil, pen and markers.

I have shown throughout Springfield, the Chatham area, and Chicago area as well as various online competitions and I am published in the Ann Kullberg book, [\*\*Colored Pencil, Cats & Dogs.\*\*](#)