

# Michele Autry

## Artist Bio

As an introduction to my experiences in art it did not involve any formal college education and I don't have any degrees to speak of. My love of expressing myself in art has been a lifetime dream of mine and my accomplishments so far are an artistic journey I am very proud of. I will always continue to explore and improve myself in art in all sorts of mediums.

My journey with regards to art began early in my life. In high school my love of creating art was a passion that I excelled in. Some of my works were displayed in the downtown store window of the May D&F store in Downtown Denver. There may be many of you who would remember that store and time frame. Later, in my life I attended a watercolor class at the Meadow Wood recreational center in Aurora CO, where my teacher, Penny Lager, taught me the beginning watercolor techniques. During this period, I decided to start taking classes at Park Hill Art Club, in Denver, CO., to refine my techniques even further. During my tenor with PHAC, some of my teachers were Randy Hale, a Watercolor instructor, Kathleen Lanzoni, also a Watercolor Instructor. Victoria Kwasinski and Jennifer Bobola who are Acrylic/Oil instructors in Abstract Art.

Since then I have entered and sold my work at the Park Hill Art Club Shows, as well as the Arapahoe Justice Center I, Centennial, CO., and Aurora Municipal Bldg. in Aurora, CO. My juried shows have been: The 43rd and 44th Annual Gateway To The Rockies Shows in 2017. In 2018 I have been juried into the Spectacles of Spring Show, in Brighton, CO and the 44th Annual Parkview Art Festival, in Aurora, CO in February 2018.

In 2016 I ventured into another intriguing form of art expression, it was Alcohol Ink. I experimented with this medium on ceramic tiles and Yupo paper and other non-porous surfaces, and found it was a very exciting medium to work with. It is just as formidable, if not more so, than watercolor. The effects created were beyond my expectations and I could not wait to share this technique with others.

In 2018 I discovered another art form, Mandala painting. This is a very relaxing form of art expression for me and I am excited to see the different pieces I can create with just "dots".

Currently I am involved with Cinnamon Park an Assisted Living facility in Longmont, CO and Carbon Valley Recreational Center, Senior Center, Frederick, CO., instructing seniors how to paint with watercolor, acrylic's & alcohol inks. They too are finding that they are discovering their "hidden talents" and excited about the dimensions that are available with just the fabulous tool of "imagination" and the journey of exploring their potential.