

Shelley Snodgrass



I am a visual artist and a spinner. Each of my parents encouraged my creativity in different ways. My father is an artist who works primarily with photography and drawing. My mother is a do-it-yourselfer. She envisions her dreams and enjoys the challenge of making her ideas become reality. With their influence growing up I pursued my own creative interests by drawing and painting. In 1986, the summer before my senior year in high school I attended the Pratt Institute summer art intensive program in Brooklyn, New York. It was there that I discovered sculpture and working from the human form. That experience along with encouragement from my parents led me to attend art school. I graduated in 1991 from Portland School of Art with a BFA in sculpture.

Full time I work as an office manager at a gallery in Portland, Maine. I create art from my home in Freeport where I've lived since 1998. Currently I'm working with pastels applied to paper, mat board and other created textural surfaces. As a 3-dimensional element I incorporate hand spun fiber into the collages. The physical act of spinning the fiber creates tension. Untwisting some of the fiber implies a gesture which I use to inspire the shapes and lines in a work. I also see the yarn working like a drawn line on a page. It moves organically across the surface of the paper describing a shape by intersecting and growing from thick to thin. Some of the fiber I use is left natural while others I've hand dyed and blended the colors before spinning it into yarn. I enjoy exploring the way the hues in the fiber work together with the texture and colors of the pastels.



In addition to my studio work at home I also meet regularly with a figure drawing group in Portland where we have the opportunity to work from a model.

Recent group shows in Maine include The Figure Revealed II in 2005 at the Atrium Gallery in Lewiston and Split in 2007 at drawing room in Portland. I've also done spinning demonstrations and had private sales of my handspun yarn.

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