

Artist Statement

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Saudade & Other Untranslatable Words

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My work takes different forms....works-on-paper, painting, handmade books, and intaglio monoprints. In my earlier life, I often picked the medium to strengthen an idea, usually a story I wanted to tell. In the past decade, subject has been flowing from materials and methods of the work informing me of deeper concerns. My creative practice is a way of accessing and expressing the non-verbal.... from sensations, intuition, to a spirituality. In my day-to-day life I collect information through several means of observation....gardening, walking, listening to wind and birds, touch, swimming, an embrace, feeling the depths of emotion....transcending all the chatter into a pure energy and source for my creative practice. I paint, draw, collage papers together, and carry on "conversations" with other entities not in the room.

I share this work in hopes to add vibrancy to our cultural exchange and appreciation of life.

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