



***Beautiful Sadness: a passing gift***, 36 x 24 inches, Pyrography and acrylic on wood, NFS.

## Elaine Eckert

### Artist Bio

Elaine Eckert is a bi-vocational artist who creates alongside working at the Dickson Street Bookshop. She received her BA in Studio Art, concentration in Painting and Drawing, in 1999 and has spent the last 27 years clinging to all the reasons to keep making art. Finding joy in painting and drawing with a variety of mediums, Elaine seeks to produce work that challenges her technical skills, captures feelings as vision and is fun to look at. Since moving to the area in 2017, she has worked to contribute to the arts in Northwest Arkansas.

### Artist Statement

Beautiful sadness: a passing gift. Is it painting or is it drawing? I find myself fascinated with the paradox of where one might end and the other take over. Sometimes I get fascinated with manipulating a new technical approach mimicking the complexity of patterns in nature. My creative process involves examining how things work and why they look the way they do.

I want to remind people of the little things, the details we overlook focusing on the bigger picture. Sharing a revelation of time caught in a visual moment; those glimpses that add to a life beyond the "supposed to". The insatiable thrill and sense of hope that comes from creating drives my need to start again and inspire others to make their own.