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## *The Caretaker and the Warrior*

60" x 96" x 18"

Mixed media

\$15,000

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### Bio

Amy Scoggins is an Arkansas artist who investigates a broad range of story-telling subjects with specific interest in forgotten places and medical advocacy through traditional oil paintings and experimental mixed media formats.

Scoggins earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Missouri State and Masters of Secondary Education from Drury University. Her studio is located in her hometown of Fort Smith where she lives with her husband and two teens. She teaches workshops locally and at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and has received honors from organizations such as the Oil Painters of America, American Impressionist Society, Artists 360 with Mid-America Arts Alliance, and the Arkansas Chapter of the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

### Artist Statement

For all of motherhood my children have had unusual health problems, sometimes severe, always mysterious. My daughter's life, especially, has become increasingly impacted as her symptoms have compounded. I desperately researched their whole lives, filling thick binders with my notes, when the doctors had no answers. Now at age 17, we have answers that, had they been discovered earlier, could have spared much damage physically and mentally. At least we now know the name of the monster, Ehlers Danlos Hypermobility, and all the comorbidities that EDS often brings with it.

This work is for those with chronic illness who are needing answers and still fighting to be heard by those who think they're making things up. I believe you. And if there is any part of our story that resonates, reach out.

If you know someone who easily sprain joints, has chronic pain, intestinal problems, brain fog, or dozens of other odd symptoms that seem disconnected, look into Hypermobility EDS. Though still considered "genetic", it's showing up everywhere- and that fact is terrifying.

Follow the QR code on her shirt for more information on this piece, to see behind-the-scenes making of it, and to learn more about about h-EDS.

