

OUR ART OUR REGION OUR TIME



snake plant
24" x 48"
oil on panel
Not for sale



propagation station
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Déa Self

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Bio

Déa Self is a still-life and landscape painter. An Arkansan who grew up in Bull Shoals and lives in Fayetteville, Déa makes time stand still in her paintings, drawing attention to moments of peace and raw beauty in scenes that reflect the world. From still-life paintings that contain wildflowers or house plant “propagation portraits” to lake scenes from her hometown, Déa shows the world what it means to be still and feel.

Déa received her BFA from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Her solo exhibits include works at Arsaga's Mill in Fayetteville, AR, and 21C Museum Hotel in Bentonville, AR.

Past group exhibitions include Rite of Spring at Sequoyah Hall, Fayetteville, AR (May 2024); Our Art, Our Region, Our Time at the Walton Arts Center, Fayetteville, AR (2022 and 2023); Home at Local Color Gallery in Fayetteville, AR (2022); and Regarding the Horizon at PHGallery in West Fork, AR (2022).

Artist Statement

Some of the best moments are quiet ones, moments where you can stand still and really feel, reflect, and see what's in the room with you. My paintings are concerned with these kinds of moments. They don't yell—they whisper. I'm interested in turning people toward themselves and helping them find the same peace I do when I'm painting.

I grew up in Arkansas, and my paintings reflect Arkansas life—flowers at their peak, the lake I grew up by in Bull Shoals, the peaches I get from the farmer's market, ceramics and glassware that my friends have given me. The flowers die, ceramics and glassware sometimes break or are given away to Goodwill, I eat the peaches, and even the lake—sadly—changes, but I'm able to hold the beauty and peace I had in those moments that I was painting.

Because of this, sometimes the colors I'm using don't match the actual colors of the objects I'm painting, but what they feel like. Color is centered more on emotion than representation.