

# OUR ART OUR REGION OUR TIME

## *Sum Pieces*

24" x 24"

mixed media

nfs pending series completion



## **Elaine Eckert**

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## **Bio**

Elaine Eckert received a BA in Studio Art from Louisiana College, Alexandria, LA, in 1999 and has spent the last 23 years clinging to all the reasons to keep making art. Finding joy in painting and drawing with a variety of mediums, Elaine produces work that challenges her technical skills, captures feelings as vision and is fun to look at. Since moving to Northwest Arkansas in 2017, Elaine has worked to establish herself as a local artist and contribute to the arts in Northwest Arkansas. She has contributed creatively to the Dickson Street Bookshop, Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, the Fayetteville Public Library and completed commissions for multiple NWA residents. Elaine currently works as a freelance artist and bookseller at the Dickson Street Bookshop. She lives in Prairie Grove, AR.

## **Artist Statement**

I am a representational artist that uses painting and drawing as a means of capturing pieces of my surroundings. The smell of paint, wax and wood mix to create a safe place where life can be tucked away in line, stroke and color; an escape into muscle memory and material. Achieving a likeness allows a clearer understanding of my subject and pushes me to tackle imagery rich in detail and compositions that will be challenging. My process involves examining how things work and why they look the way they do. I use multiple mediums to achieve a final look, however, I always start getting to know a subject with the basics of pencil and paper. The insatiable thrill and sense of hope that comes from creating drives my need to start again and inspire others to make their own.