



Southwest River Valley

24 x 18 inches

Acrylic

Price available upon request

Mary Shafer Gentle

Bio

Born 1953 into a family of 10 children. Grew up in Arizona, Maine, Ohio, England & Italy. Lived in Texas from 1967 to 2013. Moved to Northwest Arkansas in 2013. Raised twin boys plus a third son. Education BA in Biology & Lifetime teaching. Certification in Secondary Ed. Taught Science in public school. Worked as an Animal ER nurse in Dallas for over two decades. Published poetry and prose in the River Valley Journal, 2016. Short story is in the Crystal Bridges Library under The Village Writing School Project, 2014. Art works in Oil, Acrylic, Encaustic & Collage shown in Eureka Springs art shows, including White Street Walk, 2014, multiple Brews art shows, 2016-2021. Also solo art show at Wall Street Eats in February 2020. Works currently in The Eureka Art Gallery & Fine Art Eureka. Successfully sold multiple works.

Artist Statement

My art springs from the soul and the subconscious. I am inspired by nature: patterns on trees, flow of rivers, fog in the mountain valleys and sudden changes in weather. At the death of my son in 2015, I painted with a great deal of black as a form of grief expression. Since then my paintings have taken on more color and variety. I experiment daily with media and technique.

My muse is memory, intuition and the observation of the miracles in everyday life.