

Link Gallery presents...



A Senior Exhibit by Leslee Bottorff

March 28–April 14, 2017

Growing up in the South, Bottorff was surrounded by a family of printers, painters, poets, actors and musicians, thus beginning her love of art and the variety of ways one can explore and appreciate all creative expression. She was trained in New York as a perfumer's assistant and after a brief career in the cosmetic and modelling industries, she changed pursuits to the fine arts studying at the Art Students League and The Academy of Fine Arts. Her work was displayed in two Washington Square Art Shows.

Later on moving to San Francisco, she became a member of the San Francisco Women's Gallery and worked with the newly opened Ft. Mason Children's Art Center. The upheaval of the 1989 earthquake spurred her return to Kentucky where her work hung in the Blue Marble Gallery and the Behringer-Crawford Museum. Wanting to share the loving support of the arts she'd received growing up, Bottorff opened the Children's Art Studio in Shelbyville, Ky. and in 2008 was appointed by the Governor to the Kentucky Council on the Arts.

Artist's Statement



When I approach a blank canvas, I envision the finished painting completed, including the brush strokes I hope to be able to use. Painting is my voice in color, line, contrast, and motion. My inspiration is often autobiographical, whether it is a peace-filled scene or the dancing joy of a simple line. When my work is going well, I am mentally and physically lost in the painting. When people view my work, I would like them to be lost in the color and intrigued by the experience.

Currently, my work explores three areas: the continued study of figure, panoramic landscapes and abstractions focusing on color. I hope to keep investigating the use of the palettes of the old masters and the Ashcan School to create a deeper, richer color scheme for my work. With continued study, I am confident that these elements will come together making a connection that is greater than the sum of the parts.



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Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily when classes are in session. Free admission.

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