



The Ocean Life Vibe!!



Our featured artists for April present the "**Inspirational Ocean Life!!**" theme for the April window exhibit at Artisans.

Visit our gallery during the month of April to see how both artists bring the Ocean Life Vibe through Fiber Art and Raku Clay Art.

Join the "**Meet the Artist Reception**"

on April 17th, 11 am-3 pm.
at Artisans on fifth.

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Featured Artists for April



Heather Hopcraft

Fiber Art

Heather Hopcraft is a fiber artist, she uses soft cotton threads, crochet needles, and colorful fabrics to create unique and practical pieces of Art.

From One-of-a-Kind Wall Art Quilts to crochet headbands, baby shoes, flip flops, booties, and Octopus toys for newborns and Artful tote bags for everyday use. Since COVID 19, she has been designing double layers, cotton fabric Masks in a variety of patterns and colors. All proceeds go to making more masks for medical and essential workers, military, runaways, foster kids, and cancer patients.

We had some questions for her:

Q: What is the theme of your display?

A: Our theme this month is "Inspirational Ocean Life". We are displaying art as depicted from a variety of marine life to beautiful landscapes of our Florida beaches.

Q: How do you deal with a creative block?

A: Every artist has their own way of dealing with a creative block. I usually turn to nature for all of my inspiration, whether it's a walk on the beach or watching and listening to the birds on our property. Nature brings calm to my creative spirit and helps me refocus back on my work. I also use a journal to record my ideas at times of high creativity so that I can refer back to them when there is a lull.

Learn more about Heather [here](#)

Quilt Art by Heather



"Remembering Diana "

Heather's quilt is a finalist in the Cherrywood Fabrics 2020-21 Challenge and will be part of a traveling exhibit for two years and a book.

Artist Statement: "Some of my childhood was spent living and going to school in England. Diana was the Princess of my generation and I watched her grow into an incredible woman with a compassionate heart. The image I chose was of her looking up to the heavens and the titles that surround her are those I believe were most important to her.

Crochet & Fibers



"Joy" fiber art tote bag, flip-flops, Octopus toys in lovely purple colors.



"Joy" fiber wall art.

Dolphin fiber wall art, Blue set of hat, shoes, flip-flops and booties.



"Pink" Octopus toy for newborns, hat, shoes, flip-flops and booties.



Little green and yellow crochet flip flop, shoes and head-band.



"Ocean Vibe" inspired double layer cotton fabric masks for everyone.



Flamingo Eco-friendly totes. Inspired by the pretty Pink Flamingos, Heather's line of reusable, washable, practical totes for every day use.



Sue Cannon

Raku Clay Art

Each piece is handmade by the artist, Raku generally refers to a type of low-firing process that was inspired by traditional Japanese raku firing. Western-style raku usually involves removing pottery from the kiln while at bright red heat and placing it into containers with combustible materials. Once the materials ignite, the containers are closed. Western raku is typically made from a stoneware clay body, bisque fired at 900 °C (1,650 °F) and glaze fired (the final firing) between 800–1,000 °C (1,470–1,830 °F), which falls into the cone 06 firing temperature range. Unlike traditional Raku ceramics, Sue uses only food-safe glazes without lead or other metals.

Sue respond to our questions:

Q: How do you get inspired?

A: I always find inspiration in nature. I have a conservationist's spirit and therefore am concerned about our earth's reefs bleaching and degrading. Because of that, I take images from oceanic creatures and incorporate them into my raku pottery to remind people to conserve habitat for these beautiful beings.

Q: How do you deal with a creative block?

A: Recently, I had my first serious artistic block. I am very lucky to have artist friends at Artisans on fifth, who helped me get past it by encouraging me and allowing me to see the value I bring to the world by my creations.

Learn more about Sue [here](#)

Raku Art for your Home



Ocean life raku clay vase with lid, ideal gift

for a Housewarming gift.



Dolphin vase with lid. A statement piece for your home.



Dolphins Raku clay vase, use it in the kitchen or to keep your pencils or brushes organized. Available in various sizes.



Fish and Dolphins Raku vase. Medium size.



Lovely Sea horses and Dolphins Blue and Copper Raku vases. A beautiful way to remind people to conserve the habitat for these beautiful beings.

Gallery!



Mermaid porcelain body sculpture by Susan Davis Jones



Larimar pendant in Sterling silver with Oxidated patina by Jerry Morey



Sea star and shell with glass in resin art by Nancy Trumbull



"Nautilus"photography by Laura Howell
Custom sizes available.



Fresh Water Pearls pendants by Debra Ham



Mermaid scales bracelet by Maria Hormaza



Blister pearl, bead embroidery necklace by Joyce Brady



Girl riding on the beach, composite photograph by Shara Abel. Custom sizes available.

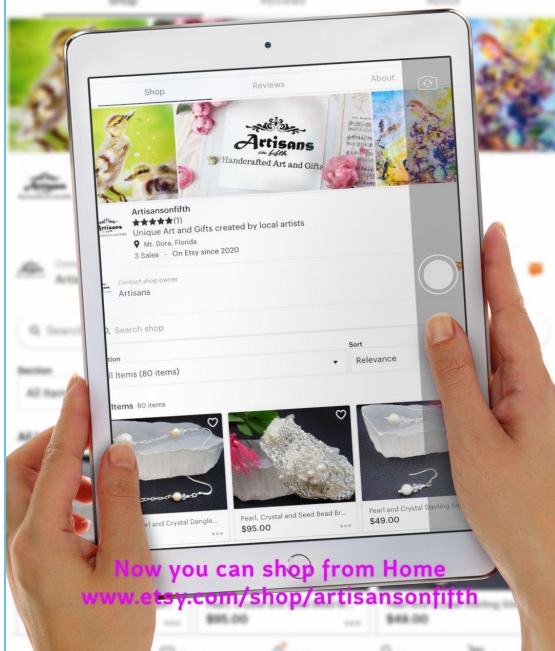


Ocean view pastel art by Sabrina Gowen

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