

Brush Strokes

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For the Love of Art

An Artistic Talent Explored

You may ask when I discovered that I was artistic and how doing artwork became an important part of my life, but more importantly is why having an original work of art is important to you. But, before we discuss why owning artwork should be essential in your life, I will tell a little something about how art is necessary for me.

Art has been a part of who I am for as long as I can remember. I can't remember when did not do art. Actually, I thought when I started school everyone knew how to draw. Imagine my

forward to art time – each with their own reasons why. Some because it was different, others it was for fun and for me it was a way to express my creativity and how I saw the world. Art time was the chance for me to draw and paint all the things that I loved – my family, animals of all kinds but especially horses and dogs.

My first portrait commission was a lost dachshund. Of course at the time I did not know that it was going to be my first paid drawing. My sister and I found a little dachshund wandering the

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surprise learning that sometimes I was the only student in the class who could really draw. But, I also realized that all people looked

neighborhood, which we took home. The idea was to make flyers and tack them up around the neighborhood – found lost dachshund, with

Giving Back

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Every sale of a piece of artwork or a portrait commission gives me a chance to give back to the community. Because of my love of animals giving a percentage of sales to animal rescue is important. For me every pet should have a good and loving home. Each year donations of a pastel drawing for silent auctions are made to local Animal Rescue Organizations for their fund raising events. Please join me in helping find good homes for all our domestic pets.

our phone number. We could have taken a photo, but it would take a few days to get the film developed and our parents were not going to pay for film developing for one photograph. So, since I was the artistic one – I drew a picture of the dachshund for the flyer; we took the flyer down to the High’s store to be mimeographed. We tacked the flyers all around the neighborhood and within a day a call came in from a man saying “I believe you have found my dog – a dachshund. I would like to come by and see if it is my baby.”

Well, he came with his little girl and the doxie was their family dog who snuggled instantly with the little girl. The gentleman said he saw the flyers with the drawing of the dog and he knew that it

was his dog because it looked just like her. He then asked my mother if she drew the picture and she said no and pointed to me. He asked if I had the original, which of course I did. I took it out of a folder and showed him the drawing and he asked if he could have it. I was so thrilled that he liked the drawing I said “sure.” At that point he reached into his pocket and pulled out a twenty dollar bill and handed it to me and I gave him the drawing. What a joy it was to get paid for my art and for doing something I loved to do.

After that every found pet got its portrait drawn. Sometimes the owners wanted the drawing, others would say “oh, that is so beautiful, can we think about it” which meant that once they were

gone, the sale was gone. Of course my Mother did not want me to make a big deal about the drawings and said if they want them you should just give it to them. But, the first portrait drawing taught me that there was value in my artwork. I just needed to learn the balance of who really saw the value in owning a work of art vs. those who did not.

This is the ongoing quest of all the artists I have met. We love doing artwork, but we also want to make a living as artists. Artwork has value, artwork is decorative, but also is a collectible that is an heirloom that shows your sophistication and good taste.

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Ellie will work with you to make sure that you will have artwork that you will be proud to hang on your walls.

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