



Altered Visions

Irene G. Was

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Artist's Statement

This exhibit, selected from more than 350 pieces, represents my explorations of various media, techniques, and subject matter. In my 101 years and counting, I have been fortunate to be a wife, mother, teacher, performer, and artist. In that time, my vision as an artist has evolved, literally and figuratively. I still enjoy developing new ways of expressing my love of nature and exploring new techniques to communicate my view of the world. Life continues to bestow me with so many blessings.

About 20 years ago, I created a painting technique called "dash-icism" where the background is filled with hundreds of dashed strokes to activate the space. I also developed "remnant" paintings, which are smaller works meant to accompany and complement my larger paintings. You see, I was a child of The Great Depression and have never forgotten the importance of saving and not being wasteful. When I complete a painting, I look at the remaining paint on my palette. Rather than waste this precious resource, I select a smaller canvas and use quick, vigorous strokes to capture the essence of the original. The results are often captivating, abstract impressions that arrest the eye. When the paint is gone, the painting is finished! My intention is that the original and the remnant painting are a set, to be purchased and displayed together. You could say it is my version of a "buy one, get one" and a gift to the new owner!

In my many years on this beautiful planet I have experienced joys and challenges. About 10 years ago I began noticing a change in my eyesight, which was diagnosed as macular degeneration. This has opened new doors of expression for me. Although I do not see with the same crisp clarity, I have the benefit of a fresh perspective of interesting new forms, shapes, and color combinations, for which I am grateful. Please take the time during your gallery visit today to compare my work from various decades and I think you'll agree that my most recent work is an interesting departure as well as an exciting evolution of my previous works.

Most importantly, it is my wish that you enjoy this exhibit as a celebration of an artist's ongoing search for beauty, truth, and personal expression. Thank you for sharing this latest milestone with me and remember, we are all artists who create our own distinctive lives. Keep exploring what gives you joy, and I wish you all the beauty and longevity that I have enjoyed.



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#	Title	Medium	Cost	#	Title	Medium	Cost
1	Abstract Landscape	Watercolor-Dashilism	\$100	29	Minute Marigolds-Remnant	Acrylic	incl
2	Alleluia 2018	Acrylic	\$225	30	Nature's Design #10	Encaustic	\$175
3	Alleluia 2018-Remnant	Acrylic	incl.	31	Nature's Design #11	Encaustic	\$175
4	Amaryllis	Water colored Print	\$75	32	Oriental Lily	Oil on Acrylic	\$100
5	An Orchid (Phalaenopsis)	Acrylic	\$350	33	Peonies	Acrylic	\$150
6	An Orchid (Phalaenopsis)-Remnant	Acrylic	incl.	34	Rayna + Tiger	Acrylic	\$100
7	Anniversary Bouquet	Acrylic	\$175	35	Roses	Water colored Print	\$75
8	Anniversary Bouquet-Remnant	Acrylic	incl.	36	Rudbeckia	Acrylic	\$100
9	Asymmetric Designed Pattern #10	Watercolor	\$100	37	Shapes, Colors, Patterns II	Acrylic-Dashilism	\$300
10	Asymmetric Designed Pattern #5	Watercolor	\$100	38	Shapes, Colors, Patterns II-Remnant	Acrylic-Dashilism	incl.
11	Asymmetric Designed Pattern #8	Watercolor	\$100	39	Shapes, Colors, Patterns V	Acrylic-Dashilism	\$350
12	Asymmetric Designed Pattern #9	Watercolor	\$100	40	Shapes, Colors, Patterns V-Remnant	Acrylic-Dashilism	incl
13	Begonias	Acrylic	\$75	41	Summer's Last	Acrylic	\$100
14	Callas and Tulips	Oil	\$150	42	Three Clematis	Watercolor-Dashilism	\$75
15	Callas and Tulips-Remnant	Oil	incl.	43	Three Roses	Acrylic on tissue	\$175
16	Daylilies	Water colored Print	\$75	44	Three Roses-Remnant	Acrylic	incl.
17	Dogwood	Water colored Print	\$75	45	Triangular Windmill of the Mind	Acrylic	\$175
18	Dots-Dashes	Acrylic-Dashilism	\$100	46	Turmoil III	Acrylic	\$100
19	Dwa Gruszki (Two Pears)	Double Watercolor-Dashilism	\$100	47	Turmoil IV	Acrylic	\$100
20	Enjoy The Present	Oil	\$300	48	Turmoil V	Acrylic	\$150
21	Garden Companions-Hibiscus + Rudbeckia	Oil on Acrylic	\$175	49	Vibrations-Variations in Color: Autumn-Dashilism	Acrylic	\$350
22	Going My Way	Watercolor-Dashilism	\$100	50	Vibrations-Variations in Color-"Classic" Dashilism	Acrylic	\$350
23	Golden Daffodils	Acrylic	\$75	51	Vibrations-Variations in Color-The Blues-Dashilism	Acrylic	\$350
24	Homage: Georgia O'Keefe Gladiolus	Acrylic	\$175	52	Winter's Rest	Acrylic	\$100
25	Hosta-Black-Eyed Susans	Acrylic	\$225	53	Winter's Rest-Remnant	Acrylic	\$75
26	Hosta-Black-Eyed Susans-Remnant	Acrylic	incl.	54	Yellow Carnations	Acrylic	\$125
27	Hydrangea	Oil	\$100	55	Yellow Carnations-Remnant	Acrylic	incl.
28	Minute Marigolds	Acrylic	\$175	56	You Are My Geometric Sunshine	Acrylic	\$275
				57	You Are My Geometric Sunshine-Remnant	Acrylic	incl.

Note: Paintings that have a remnant paired with them (Price: incl.) are included in the sale of their partner painting. The buyer will receive both paintings