Blanca Santander Seattle Artist

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"Timepeace" is a reminder to women that no matter how busy our lives are, it is important to have a peaceful time to reflect and recharge. As women, mothers, and warriors, we need a peaceful time...a stopping point, in order to reset our gears.

These moments give us the power to continue working hard to protect our loved ones and focus on being a better part of this beautiful world.

Blanca Santander, "NHLI 1st prize winning art poster entry".

Women of Courage Series

My reflections on my life caused me to identify with the lives of other women who struggle to change their world. All women are creators of life and change the world each in their own way. Many of my paintings are related to the lives of remarkable women in history that share a common trait that is significant. I am inspired by the profound courage of these women in the face of danger. In a world dominated by men, any attempt to change the world for the better requires the inner strength found at the core of what makes a woman a warrior

- B.Santander

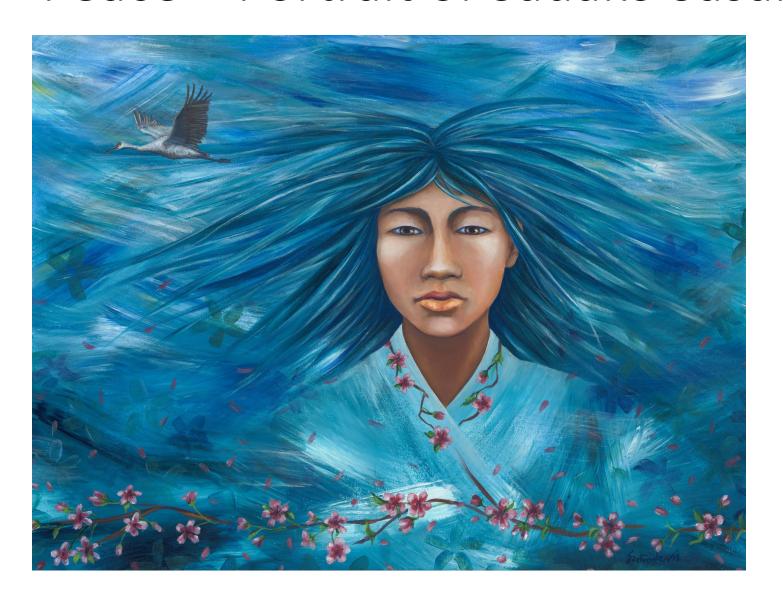
Wisdom - Maya Angelou



Poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist.

"Courage is the most important of all virtues, because without courage, you cannot practice any of the other virtues consistently." – Maya Angelou

Peace — Portrait of Sadako Sasaki



She set out to create one thousand origami cranes when she found out she had just a short time left in her life. She died at age twelve from leukemia as the result of exposure to an atom bomb. She finished 644 cranes. Her schoolmates made the rest.

Perseverance — Portrait of Rosa Parks



Rosa Parks' face is illuminated. Through the window she sees the light of the future. She knew the risks but her perseverance opened many doors for future generations. There is a moment when she becomes resolute and chooses her destiny.

Hope – Portrait of Anne Frank



Laughter, happiness, and joy might seem futile in the wake of tragedy. But, if hope and optimism are weak it begs the question: Why does hope persist for a better world? Anne is a being of light and beacon of hope.

Freedom – Portrait of Malala Youfazai



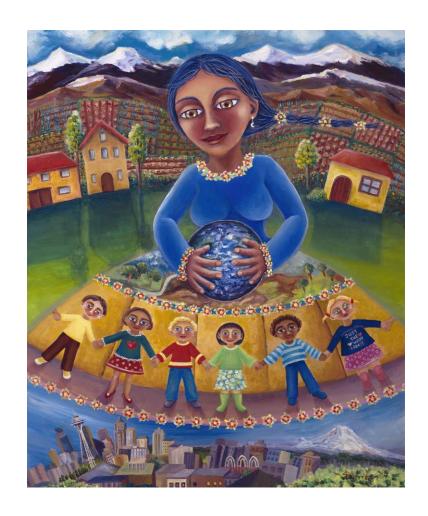
Gul Makai means cornflower, and she is a fighter for the right of girls to have an education. Malala faced every day the threat of death and was nearly killed for her belief. Malala is an inspiration for all girls everywhere to get an education.



Justice — Portrait of Waris Dirie

She is a Desert Flower on an exceptional journey, model, writer, mother, and human rights activist. "Female Mutilation has no cultural, no traditional, and no religious aspect. It is a crime which seeks justice."

Series of Mother Earth and the Northwest







Homage to the strength of Latin- American women nameless but not forgotten

Wood cutouts mounted on boxes with poems inside



Saint Vincent de Paul Mural Project – Working with latino youth at Kent, Washington



Saint Vincent de Paul Mural – Kent, Washington



Mercer Island Middle School Mural Project

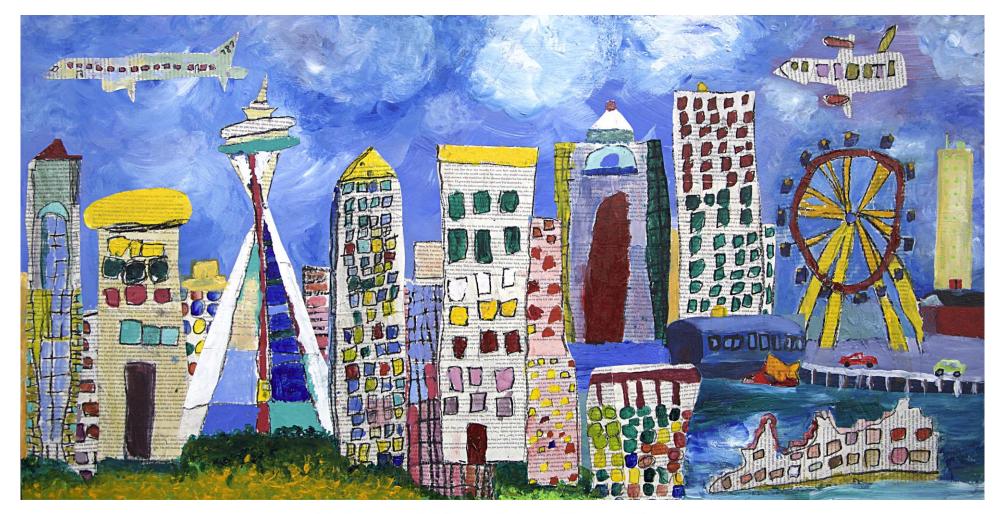


Artist in Residence in local schools









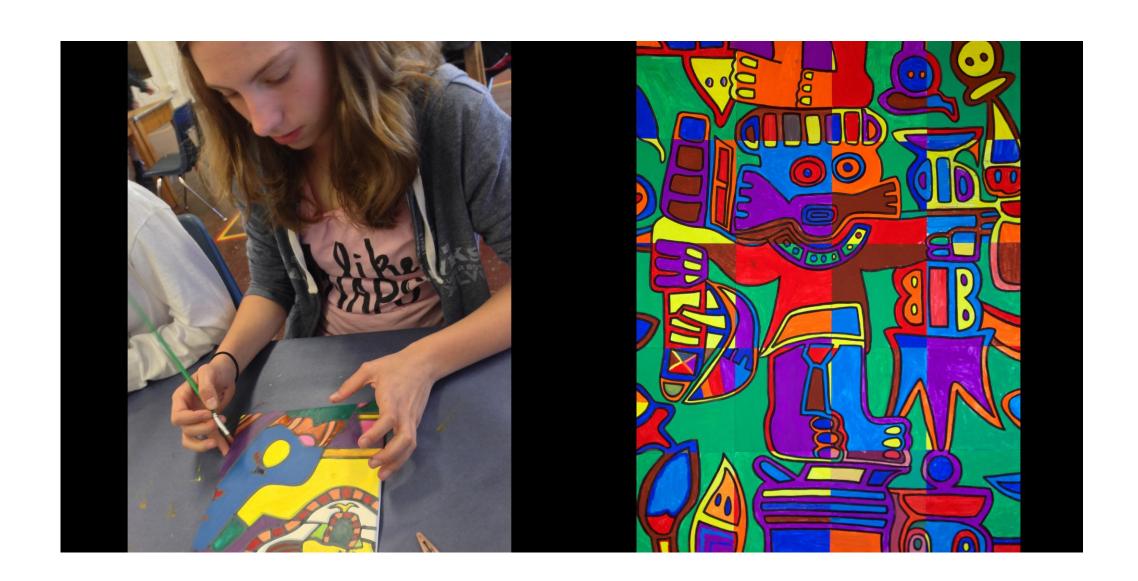
"Seattle Skyline"

Artist in residence at Seattle Amistad School 2nd Grade Class Project

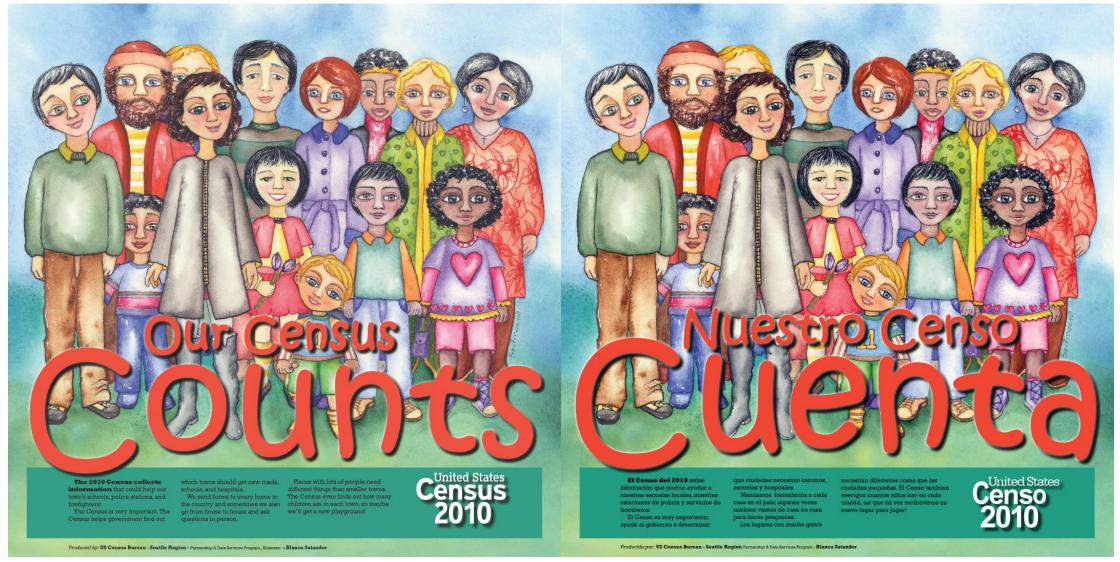
Projects with middle school kids about ancient Peruvian textiles



Ancient Peruvian Textiles Project – Middle School

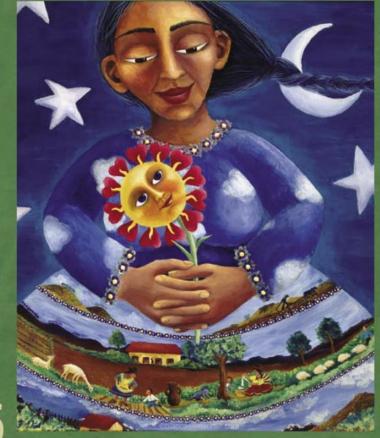


Example of a series of illustrations for Posters, Calendars and Children's books – multilingual, to promote participation and educate about the Census





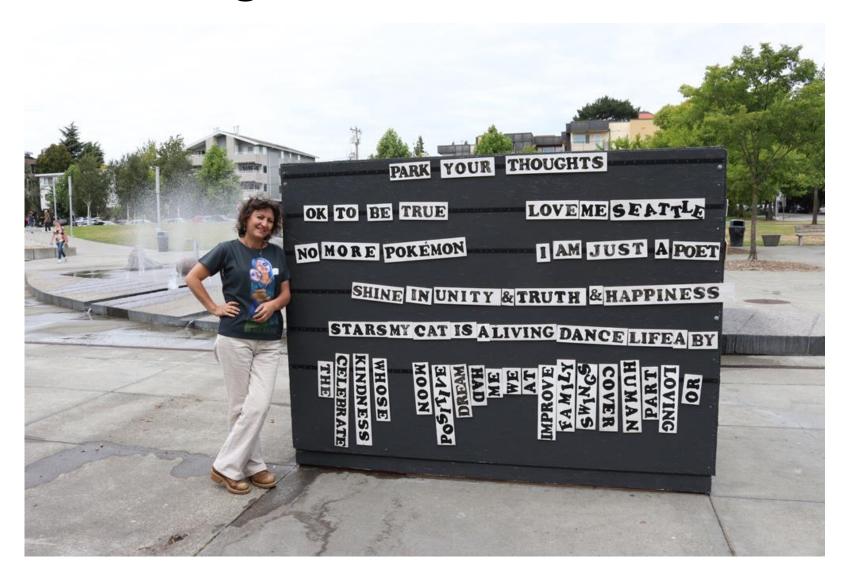
Hispanic Affairs
2005 Annual Report



Washington State
Latino/Hispanic Assessment

State of Washington Commission on Hispanic Affairs

Park Your Thoughts at Ballard Commons 2016



Interactive Temporary Installation inviting people to play with word tiles and park their thoughts





City of Seattle and Parks and Recreation Project "Park in the Heart" Free Art lessons for kids at Ballard Commons





Winter Project at the Park "Hot Apple Cider Bean Bag Toss



Hot Apple Cider Bean Bag Toss

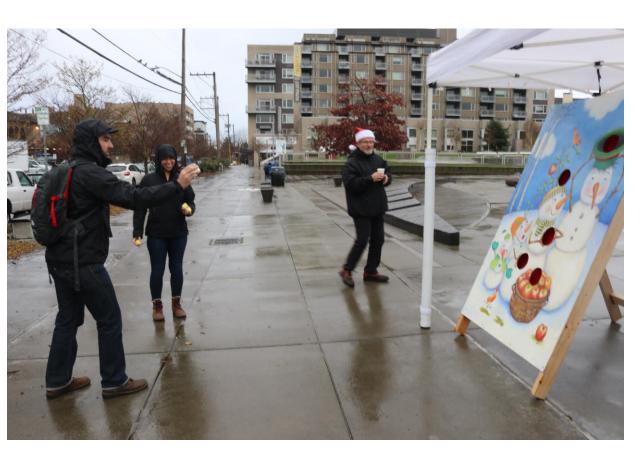


Ballard Commons Park
"Free activity for the family"

Play the Snowman Bean Bag Toss game and get a free cup of hot apple cider

Activity created by : Seattle Artist Blanca Santander www.BlancaSantander.com

City of Seattle and Park and Recreations Winter Project at Ballard Commons





Here are some examples of posters for group exhibitions under my curatorship featuring latino artists and myself

Avenidas y Generaciones

Washington State Convention Center

January 14 - March 30, 2017



Featuring eight diverse contemporary artists from the Latino art scene of Washington State

Alfredo Arreguín Blanca Santander

Cecilia Álvarez

Fulgencio Lazo

Gabriel Márquez

Juan Alonso

Rene Julio

Tatiana Garmendía







Month Reception







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ALFREDO ARREGUIN

CECILIA ALVAREZ **ENRIQUE WETZEL** MONICA QUARTO

DIONÉ GRANDA JOSE ORANTES **GLORIA RUIZ**

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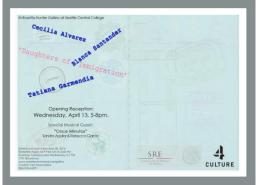
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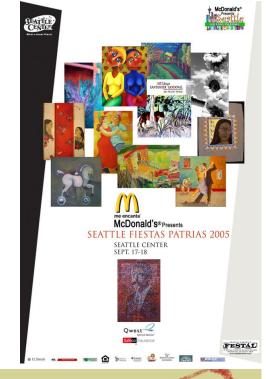












Ethnic Heritage Art Gallery Presents Portraits















Special Presentation by Cuban Author Jorge Enrique Gonzalez - Pacheco Music by Enrique Wetzel & Laura Oviedo at both Receptions

July 16 -October 15 with two Opening Receptions August 2, 2012, 11:30 - 1pm and 4:30 - 7:00 Seattle Municipal Tower 700 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor, Seattle, WA 98124



Under the Curatorship of Blanca Santander - Questions? Contact : blanca@blancasantander.com The WSCC Roating Art Gallery is located on Level 2 in the public greg of the facility and can be viewed sally from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM 705 Pike Street, Seattle, WA 98101-2310 • Phone: 206-694-5000

Portrait of Three Stars – A contribution of my work to raise money to fight homelessness via Street-Heart Organization





Barnes and Noble 2009, 2010, 2011 Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month with nationwide promotions featuring my art on tote bags and in advertising.







Cleveland State University Publications with my work on the book cover



CONSTRUCTING IDENTITIES THE INTERACTION OF NATIONAL **GENDER AND RACIAL BORDERS**



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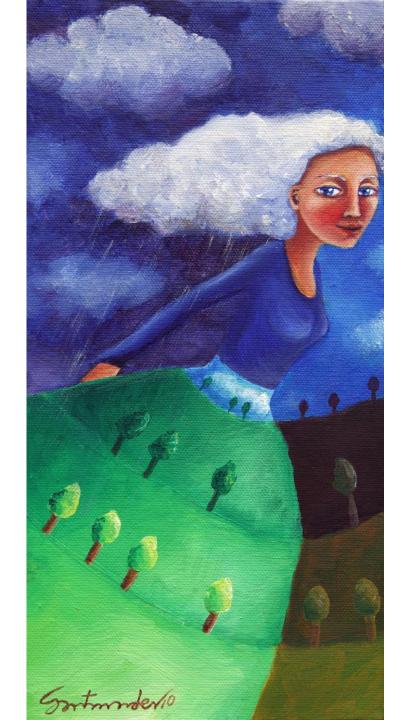




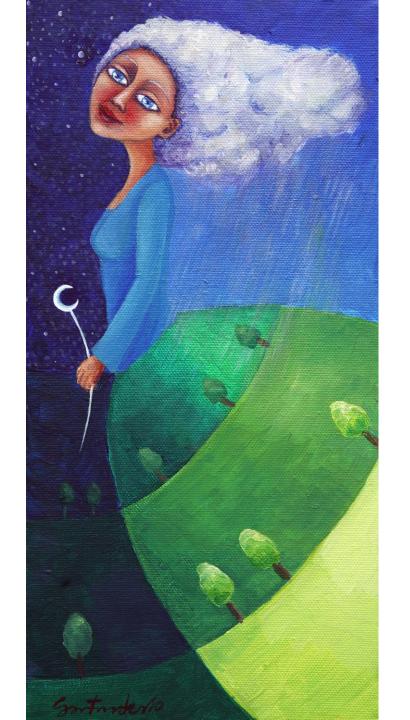










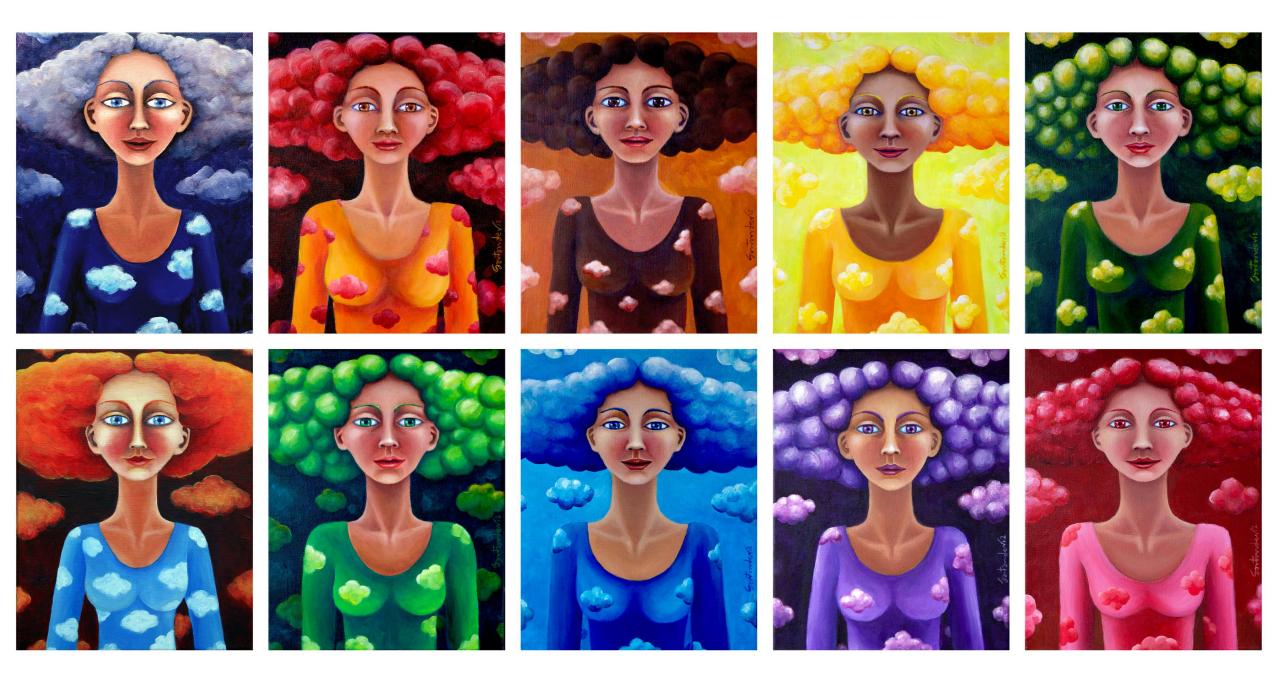


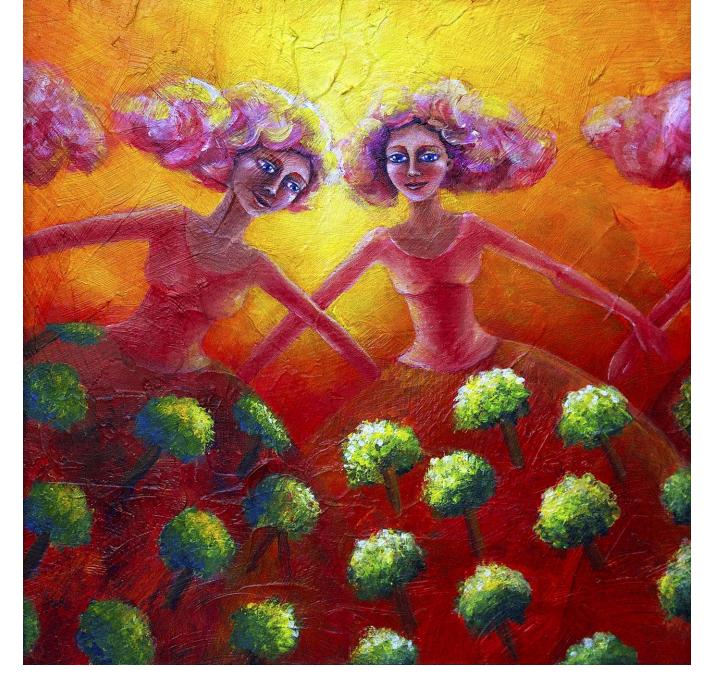












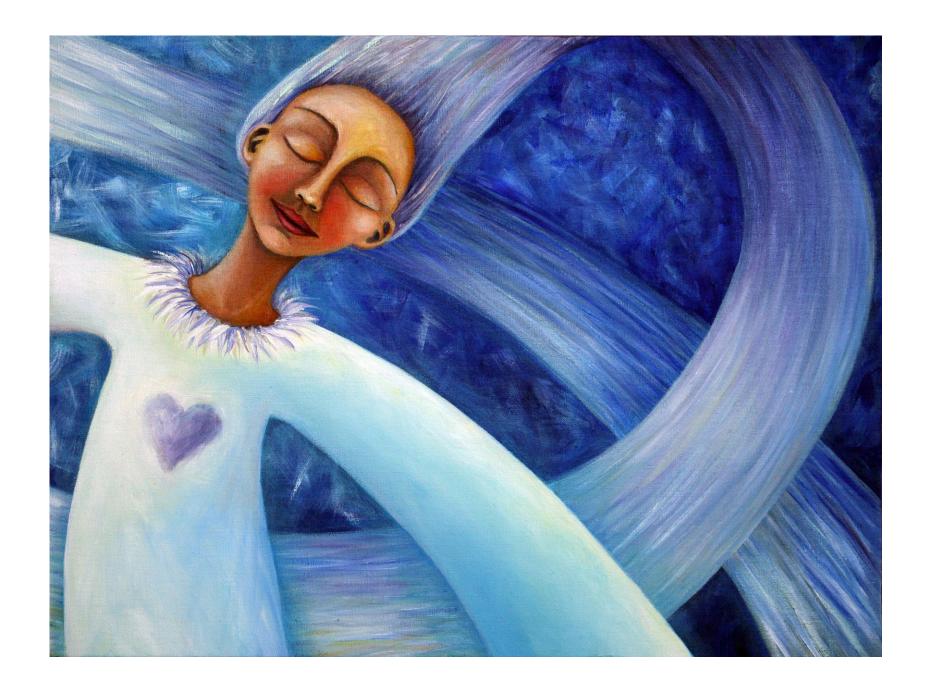






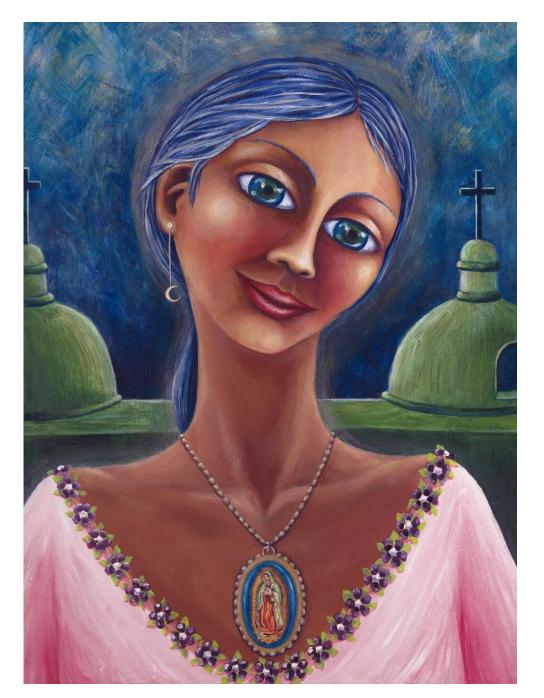


















Daughters of Immigration Series

From my perspective as a woman of color who believes in peace and reconciliation. Coming from a country with an 18 year civil war I decided long ago that it is better to trust in hope and peace no matter how difficult a situation is. I came from a war torn land and have permanent scars from my own experience. I live all the way up here in the North to escape. Yet, no matter where you turn you run into the suffering of our Mother Earth at the hands of us. My life has not been easy and I learned that in spite of all the bad things we need hope so we don't get lost and remain strong enough to endure the hardest of times. Some people have to rise from the ashes like the Phoenix becoming born again in spirit and filled with hope. Never quit.

One of My Turns

When you're making an uncertain move, you always lose something. Sometimes it can be a lot, sometimes irreparable, and sometimes you lose your precious doll. Many people make these decisions because there is no other option, because life pushes them to do it. The risk is incommensurable; they don't have a better way.



Because we are from "somewhere else" we will always be judged on how "American" we have become. We fear marginalization for our ethnicity. As Americans, I believe we are one nation, indivisible. Our shared fears unite us to be stronger as we face oppression.



They come from all over the world to the land of hope, from different backgrounds, different colors, the warrior spirit unites these mothers, daughters, wives and sisters. Now more that ever that inner strength will swell and help us to pass through uncertain times.

