

2020 Statement (Space) - Jackie Linda Turnbull (JT)

Doug Smith, WAG Instructor, said to me in early 2016 “oh, you’re an abstract painter”? When I started painting again after early retirement I saw myself as a landscape artist. I like trees & they are very ‘green’. And then there’s that 5th great-uncle who was a portrait artist. Not that I ever was really into portraiture. However, shouldn’t one carry on a tradition? I resisted the idea of abstraction for a long time. In the end it is difficult to turn your back on what you really are in life. Long story short, I discovered I am an intuitive, abstract acrylic painter, who incorporates texture using found and upcycled objects.

“Space, the final frontier. To boldly go where no one has gone before”. To feel the sense of discovery. To explore new uncharted territory. Revealing aspects of your personality you never previously acknowledged to yourself. Exploring these 3 questions: 1. What is the meaning of existence? 2. Who are we in reality? 3. HOW AND WHERE DO WE FIND OUR OWN MEANINGFUL SPACE IN THE UNIVERSE? The answer to these questions, in my own opinion: be your authentic self.

Jackie Linda Turnbull (JT), a self-taught Winnipeg artist who has studied with Rachael Tycoles (Acrylic Painting), Doug Melnyk (College) and Milly Giesbrecht (Abstract Drawing) at the WAG Studio, David Owen Lucas (Sketchbook Drawing) of McNally Robinson Classroom and Jordan Leigh Miller of the Cre8ery. Current memberships include the Cre8ery and Mentoring Art for Women’s Art (MAWA).

Jackie paints in a mostly abstract style and enhances her pieces with mixed media or collage. Jackie is particularly fond of employing feathers and ‘planets’ in her artwork, as these objects are meaningful to her.