

## BRENDA HUGHES

Brenda has always liked getting paint on her hands from the tender age of 4 with her bright and colorful finger paintings. Raised in Kinston, North Carolina she has lived up and down the eastern seaboard. While traveling, she always found groups of creative women and explored many different mediums.

In addition to painting, Brenda creates journals from deconstructed cigar boxes and game boards. Her journal work can be found at Emerge, located in Greenville, North Carolina and Martin County Arts County in Williamston, North Carolina.

Today, Brenda continues to paint watercolors, acrylics and oils. Her work demonstrates her exploration of textures and layers using old maps, quotes directly written on canvas, the nautical location of her childhood, Topsail Beach, North Carolina, molding medium in addition to the acrylic paints and has been the majority of her focus since 2013. Her love of the sea is often captured in her paintings. Brenda can be found “throwing painting around” while listening and moving to the music playing in her studio.