

Kim Valentine

Kim hails from Staten Island, NY and is the 5th of 6 children. Her hard-working & loving parents viewed her art as a hobby, not a career path, so the dutiful daughter went to the local college. Feeling uninspired, she left to work full time until she could return to school on her own terms, proudly graduating with a degree in Advertising Design from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. After holding many “creative” positions, she found that while they provided for her and her two daughters, none fulfilled her God-given need to create art that would bring joy to others and glory to her Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

In May, 2011 she met her soul mate Jimmy Carmickle and they were married in December 2014. Together they have four amazing children. After establishing their new home in Elm City, Jimmy encouraged Kim to follow her dreams, which meant resigning as Executive Director of a non-profit organization.

In April of 2015 she took the leap and Colorful Spirits was born! Her classes began in an eclectic shop in downtown Wilson, NC, in April, 2015. Realizing she would need her own space, her husband began converting their barn into her studio/classroom.

Kim loves helping people channel their inner artist; even those who claim they can't draw a straight line! She works hard to make sure everyone leaves happy with their creations. It's a no pressure, all fun atmosphere.

Most of all she enjoys creating her own works of art! She has worked in many different mediums. She finds herself intrigued by abandoned houses and barns, wondering who lived there and where they may be now. She finds a sad beauty in them. She enjoys painting all subjects which you will see as you enjoy her work.