

Artist Bio

Stephanie Brebner

Nature is one of Stephanies main inspirations, she has a great love for the outdoors. Hiking and being out in the forest is her happy place which works perfectly with living in Tauranga where she has been for the last 22 years.

Stephanie is a self taught artist so she has no formal art training but she has been creative since a young age and studied both cheffing and floristry at tertiary level and has been cake decorating since aged 17. She believes all of these experiences have helped her to become the artist she is today with her work being creative and unique.

Although she has used different mediums in the past she now works with Ink and Copper, her two passions.

She believes that caring for this amazing Planet of ours is very important which is why she likes to reuse and refurbish wherever possible. She likes nothing more than bringing old things back to life and this shows in the beautifully refurbished frames and windows that she uses for her ink and watercolour paintings. She also loves the idea of capturing the image of something beautiful that one day may be lost and this is where the inspiration for painting Antiques comes from.

The inspiration to create her handcrafted recycled copper wire sculptures comes from the energy, from the texture and from the colours of the copper itself. The many varieties of copper offers so much creative potential. Much research and planning goes into every piece and watching each one come to life brings Stephanie much joy.