

## Artist Statement: Robyn Graham Valentine

I used to think that in order to be an “Artist” I had to attend art school. I did not. Life led me in a different direction. My chosen career choice as a hairstylist provided an outlet of creating 3-dimensional art on people’s heads through color and balance. Creativity comes out in many forms, during my early years of being in business time did not allow me to create what I am currently doing. My desire and need to embrace art in any form was to support local artist by starting a gallery in my salon for a number of years.

In 2014 my personal life took a drastic detour. In order for me to emotionally survive, I started creating anything that came to mind and exploration began. Peppy girl crosses were born. They evolved from mosaic tile into vintage jewelry finding their way to a gallery in Santa Fe, NM. In 2016, my desire to resurrect salvage yard finds such as copper and assorted metals and creating mixed media sculptures gave me a break from the intricate work of the crosses.

Currently I try to create what comes to mind. I no longer worry about failure, more not having the guts to try.

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