

With an adventurous spirit and masters degree in clinical social work my knowledge of humanity, biodiversity and organic codependence has influenced my art which has become a composite of all these experiences.

Like a baptism, being submerged under a floating garden while capturing an ever-changing kaleidoscope of organic configurations is transformative. The **“Submerged Garden Series”** was inspired by my life long love of diving and exploring underwater. Submersion itself is like meditation as typical auditory and physical stimuli are nonexistent. As a general therapeutic similar to flotation tanks, I have found the combination being submerged and getting lost in an abundance of flowers empowering and cleansing.

My process is mimicked in large scale fantastical and larger than life installations. The viewer is physically dwarfed by floral abundance, consequently elevating mood, imagination and wellbeing. Clinical studies have proven over again the mental and physical benefits of a strong connection to nature. In deeper analysis perception is literally and intentionally altered by the mirror reflections and morphing geometrics which occur when looking up from beneath the water’s surface. Installations are viewed in horizontal and vertical orientations, on semi-transparent acrylics, printed on natural fabrics or scalable in mosaics

The archetypal symbolism of flowers equates to love, hope and healing. In life, death and romance flowers are universally appreciated and unifying.

In reconciling covid and American culture it is apparent that a deeper meaning of life itself and interdependence is a critical aspect of our wellbeing and future. Between gun violence and a pandemic the human spirit has been under siege and thirsty for connections. As a solution oriented person the potential for visual advocacy utilizing my Submerged Garden Series brings a lightness to the serious subjects of climate change and other daunting occurrences.

In the click of a button, life becomes art. When immersed in an aquatic botanical event, art becomes life. Simply stated nature is healing and I plan to be part of that process.