

IMAGINATION

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Bosque Del Apache

Handmade Origami Book. Pastel on Sanded Pastel Paper.

Artist's Statement

My love of travel and experiencing new, varied places, cultures, and ways of being can often be a motivating factor for me in creating art. This book was inspired by my recent trip to the Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico. Thousands of Snow Geese and Sand Hill Cranes migrate through this picturesque landscape every year in the winter. It is a stunning, awe inspiring shock to the senses, one is completely enveloped by the cacophony of the birds taking off and landing in contrast to the tranquility of the watershed. I chose to create an origami "picture book in the round", to symbolize the cycles and seasons of life in the Bosque and to depict, visually, how I felt standing in the middle of it all.

Biography

I recently retired from teaching art at the high school level after 29 years. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching. It was a gift to develop strong and long lasting relationships with students while guiding them as they explored themselves and the world through their art. I am excited to embark on a new chapter in my life. Traveling more, focusing on creating my own art and playing with my cat and husband.