

Art Box Artist of the Month: Susan Wright



Susan Wright has always had a soft spot for anything old or broken, or anything that can simply be repurposed and given a new life. She says there is an energy that comes with old things.

Susan began exploring recycled materials and art while working at The Greenhouse School in Salem, MA, a small, private school serving all socioeconomic levels and nationalities. On a perpetual budget, they would use anything free that could get

their hands on to make art with the kids, ranging from infants to eighth grade. Inspired by a close friend, Julia, who "can make anything out of anything," Susan began working with tissue paper and it played a large part in many of the projects.

She started out making paper and wire dresses until a brief encounter with a Martha Stewart producer, who inspired her to experiment with animals. Since then, she has tissued over forty different animals, and the list is still growing. Everyone has an animal they connect with and she loves seeing people's faces when they find it.

Susan's sculptures are hand formed, often from a continuous strand of non-tarnishing copper

wire, and then layered with her current stock of tissue paper, making each one unique. The tissue is torn into small pieces, brushed with glue, then delicately layered on the frame. Made in a style similar to paper maché, the tissue dries stiff, creating a hollow shell, while still retaining its papery, transparent quality. (The tissue paper she uses is all recycled, collected from parties, stores, friends, etc. so special patterns are in limited supply.)

Susan's designs were originally inspired by the final print in the "Bull" series by Picasso, a simple line drawing depicting the barest minimum of features. She says, "I like the multi media aspect of it, working with color and form. It's like drawing with wire."

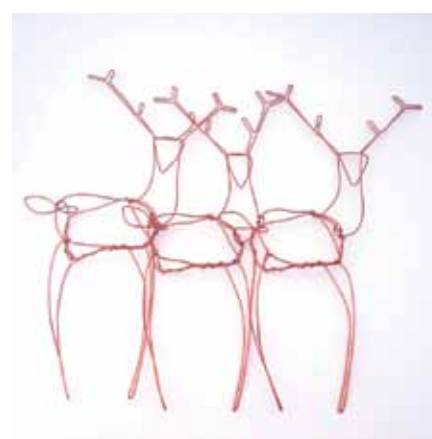
A professionally trained gardener and a lover of plants and nature, it's hard for Susan to stay in the studio for too long. She is currently experimenting with vertical succulent gardens, growing them on old frames and anything she can repurpose that will hold a plant.

She sells her sculptures at Sisters We Three Artisan Shop in Newburyport, MA, where she has lived for the last 8 years. Susan also has an online store: bookeesue.etsy.com, where she takes custom orders and special requests.

Susan will be available for a meet and greet at the Morada Way Art Walk on the third Thursday of December, and her work will be on display at The Art Box all month. Contact or drop by The Art Box for questions about Susan or her art.



A palette of recycled tissue paper.



Copper wire frames.



Application of paper to frame.



Finished sculptures.

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In the early morning of November 20th, in Ocala FL, Kenny and Jayanna Cohan perished in an terrible traffic accident. Kenny was 63 and Jayanna was 53.

Kenny Cohan was a long time backcountry fishing guide at Bud 'n' Mary's Marina in Islamorada. Jayanna was key in organizing many fishing tournaments and she was a staple to this community.

The loss of Kenny and Jayanna is felt by all who knew and loved them. These islands are poorer with their passing. We will keep



them in our hearts and thoughts for all time.

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