



Life Layers

Mixed Media Works by Tonja Ihlenfeldt

Tonja's mixed media pieces are a combination of photography and painting. The process begins with a photo that Tonja has taken or a found historical photo. She edits the photo, prints it on canvas and paints on the photographic print with oil paint.

The process of creating the final piece includes a bold yet controlled procedure of applying paint, leaving brush strokes, exposing parts of the photo and transforming the photograph into a painting.

She loves creating a beautiful piece of art that speaks to the heart of the viewer, especially when the image alone may not normally get a second look.

A native Iowan, Tonja's career began with a BFA in painting from Arizona State University in 1991. She has shown in galleries and participated in art shows all over the United States. Her work has found homes in places as far away as Australia, Taiwan and Japan.



Found

2018

Mixed Media





The Way Home

2019

Mixed Media



Stuck in Traffic

2020

Mixed Media



The Lord Built the House

2016

Mixed Media





Honor

2019

Mixed Media



Everyday Calm

2018

Mixed Media





House upon a Rock

2017

Mixed Media





Ready to Sing

2019

Mixed Media



Bridge of Freedom

2020

Mixed Media

From the ***Isolated but not Alone***
Series



Life is a Vapor

2016

Mixed Media



Unaware

2017

Mixed Media

From the **Shine** Series





Beauty for Ashes

2018

Mixed Media





Harvest Time

2019

Mixed Media





Watching

2019

Mixed Media





Thankful

2018

Mixed Media

From the **Shine** Series



Light of Men

2016

Mixed Media





Good Ground

2019

Mixed Media





In the Moment

2020

Mixed Media





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