

Susan Shelton & Lina Hsaio

Susan Shelton, Teacher

For a long time, I could not find the time to create art due to my job in the business world. After I had my daughter, I went back to teaching. I felt that if I was going to teach the fine arts, I had to immerse myself in the creative process once again.

Using my daughter as my muse as well as my favorite subject matter, I am once again working in the medium that I love: watercolor. But I have also started working in acrylics and three-dimensional form as well. Teaching has given me the opportunity to be creative all over again!

Susan Shelton is an art teacher at Sommerville High School in Sommerville, New Jersey.



Lina Hsaio, Student

I have always loved art, but over the past year I have been really involved in my work. I just recently discovered my love for watercolor and feel that I am beginning to develop a significant style. I would describe my work as expressive and somewhat surreal. Art is my opportunity to put a spin on the world. All of my paintings are out of the ordinary because I combine what I see with how I feel. Whether it's altering color, exaggerating proportions, or morphing things together, I aim to stir an interest in my viewers.

Lina Hsaio is a senior at Sommerville High School in Sommerville, New Jersey.



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