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Making art is the most healing thing I have experienced in my life. This year I have been drawn to using nature as a part of my pieces. I am inspired by the thought of taking seasonal items and making them everlasting for all to experience. The foliage doesn't die but ages with my art. Each piece I want to show a sense of new found appreciation for our planet, a sense of perception to the viewer and adding tangibility to the arts.

Each piece describes a sense of balance. The real and unreal, light and dark, hot, cold, growth and stagnation. I want my art to make people feel something.

This journey has even encouraged me to become an art therapist to use the mediums to help others heal as it has helped me.