

ORDINARY MAGIC

Diane Archer

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About the artist

Diane Archer

Diane is a mixed media artist who lives and works on Cooper Mountain, just outside of Portland, Oregon. She was born and spent her early life in Ohio, where she received a BFA from The University of Akron, and an MFA from Kent State University. In 1999, a residency at the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, on the Oregon Coast, brought her west. She fell in love with the wild nature of the Pacific Northwest's mountains, rivers, forests and ocean beaches and decided to make Oregon her home. Influenced by Deep Ecology, Bioregionalism and the practice of finding the Sacred in everyday life, Diane explores emotional, spiritual and physical aspects of place. She is an avid collector of natural and found objects and combines them with paper maps, image transfers, drawings and quotes in her recent mixed media work. All of her work is meant to acknowledge and celebrate our connections to the world around us and the world within us. In 2007, Diane was interviewed for the PBS show, Oregon Art Beat. She was honored in 2023 to have her work included in the Harvard Map Library Collections.

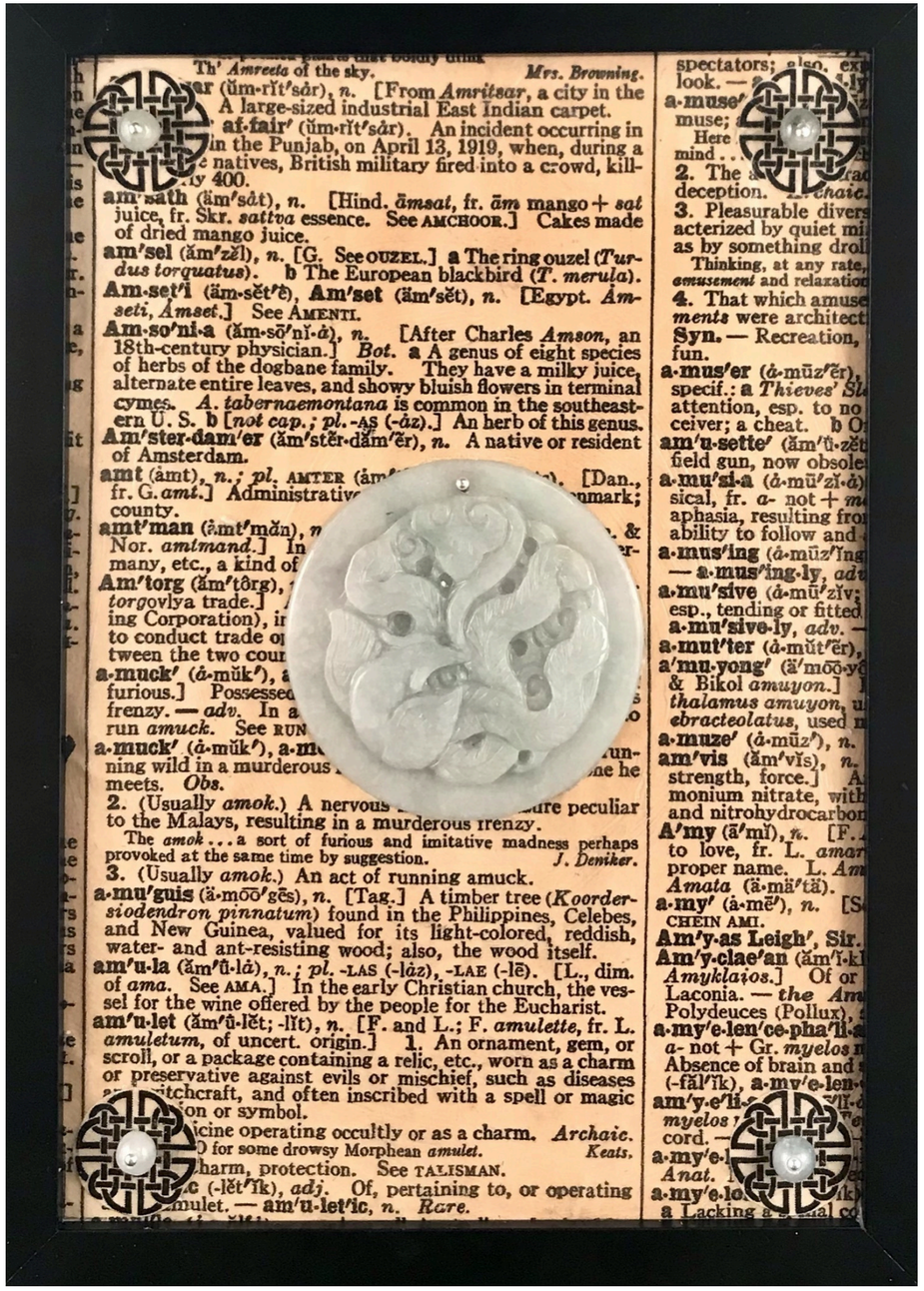


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Fragile

Mixed media on dictionary page, embedded frame with butterfly wing; 7”x5.5”x1”

$150

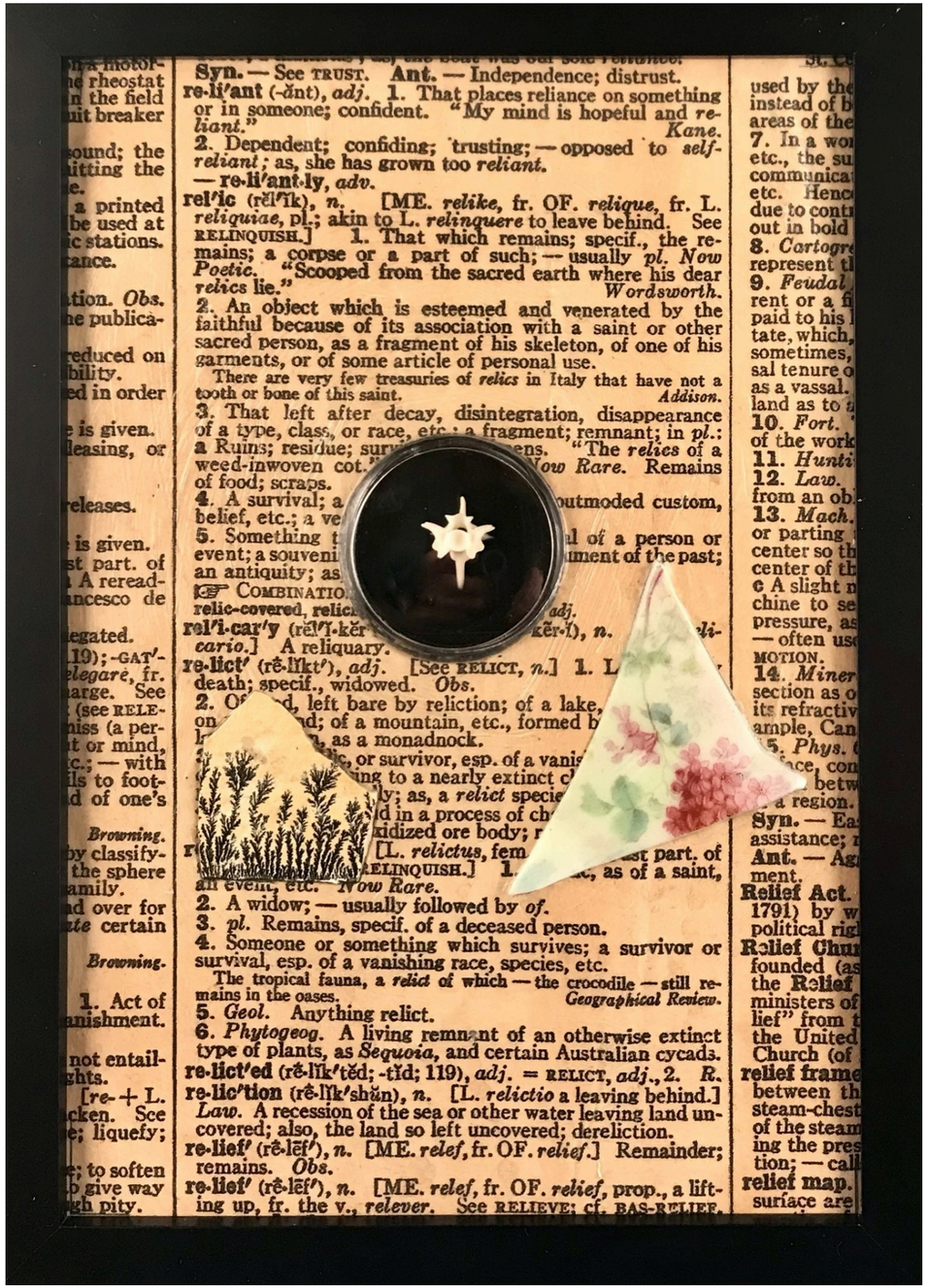


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Amulet

Mixed media on dictionary page, embedded jade pendant and beads; 7”x5.5”x1”

$150

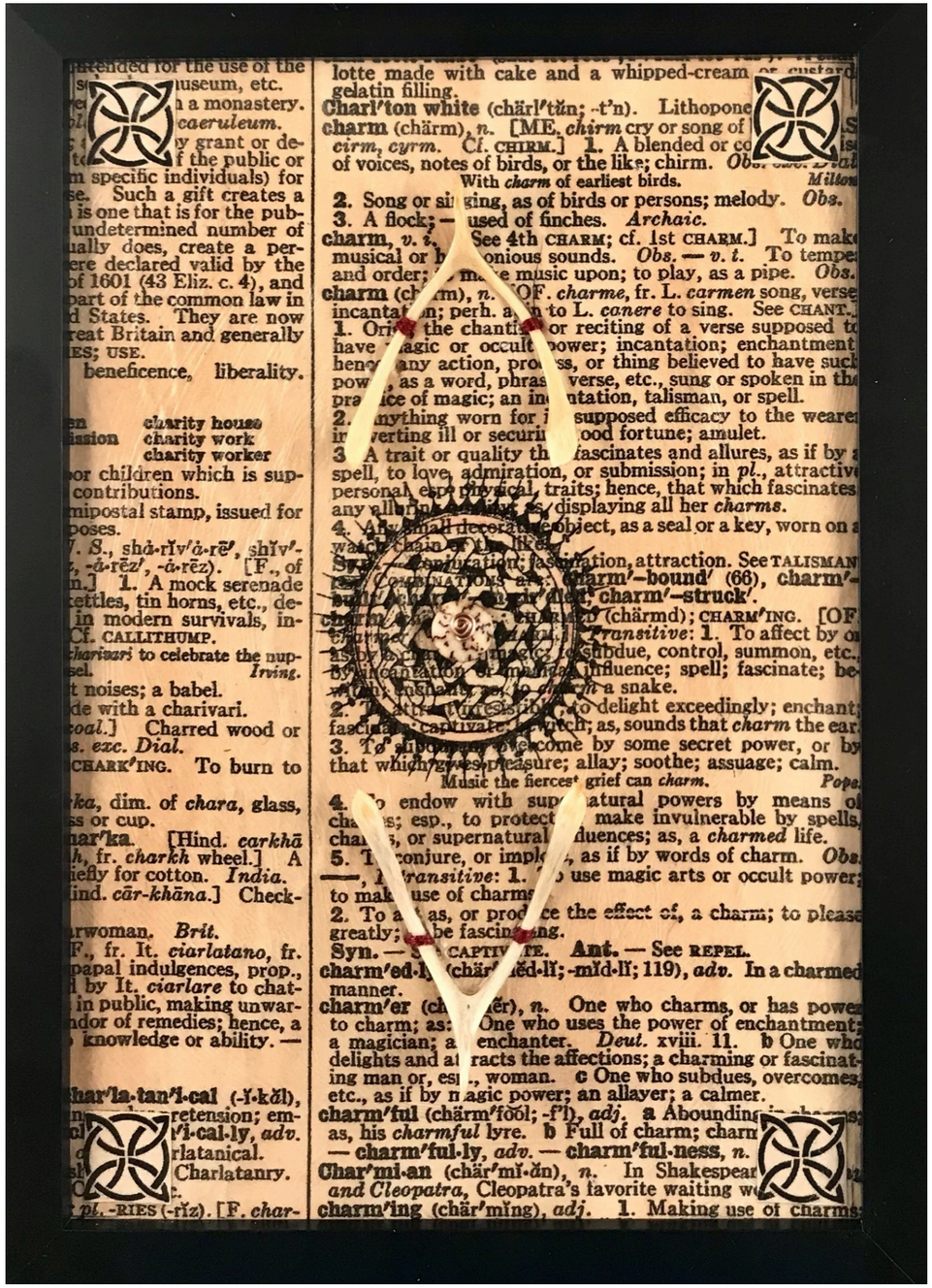


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Relics

Mixed media on dictionary page, embedded fossil, ceramic shard and specimen case with vertebra; 7”x5.5”x1”

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Charm

Mixed media on dictionary page, sewn on wishbones and bone bead; 7”x5.5”x1”

$150



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Wonder

Mixed media on dictionary page,
embedded shell and specimen
case with fiddlehead;
7”x5.5”x1”

$150



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Meta-Candle

Mixed media on maps, prayer, embedded candle; 7”x6”x1”

$180



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Wild Mt. Hood

Mixed media on maps, embedded specimen case with leaf; 7”x6”x1”

$180

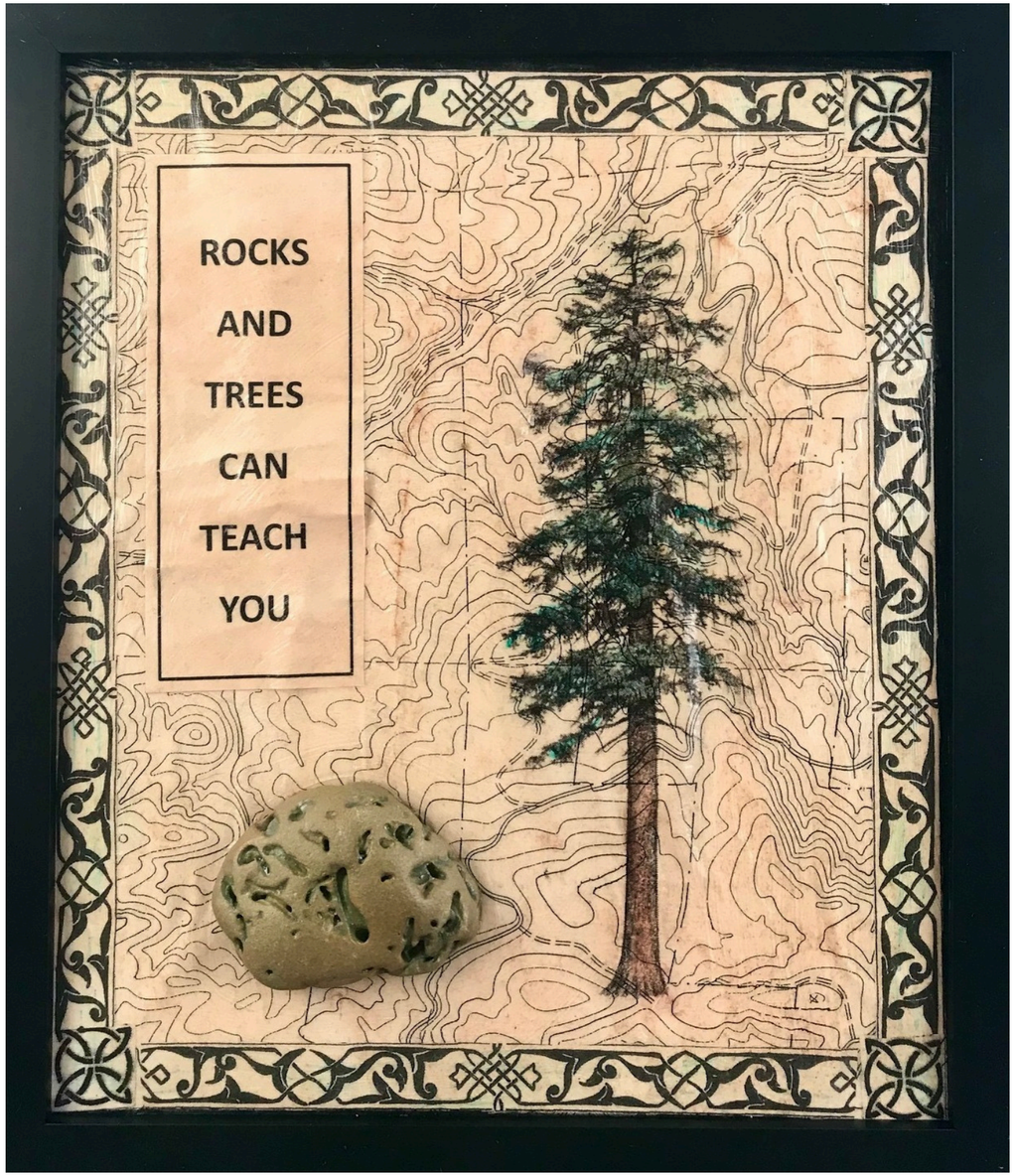


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Forest Oak

Mixed media on maps,
embedded specimen case with
acorn top; 7”x6”x1”

$180



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Rocks & Trees Can Teach You

Mixed media on map, embedded rock,; 7”x6”x1”

$180



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Cape Kiwanda - Agate

Mixed media on maps with embedded specimen case containing agate: 7"x 6".

$180



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Beach - Shell

Mixed media on maps with embedded specimen case containing shell; 7"x 6".

$180



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Experimental Forest - Seeds

Mixed media on map, embedded specimen case with maple seeds; 7”x6”x1”

$180



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More Tools For The Journey

Mixed media, acrylic and found objects; 7"x6"x1"

$180



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Trust Your Wings

Mixed media on maps, embedded vial with Mallard feather; 8”x8”x1.5”

$280



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Timeless Conversation - Sundial

Mixed media on maps with embedded Sundial shell. 10" x 10"

$380



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Timeless Conversation - Turban

Mixed media on maps with embedded Turban snail shell.
10" x 10"

$380



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Exact Moment (Decision)

Mixed media on maps, embedded clockface, frame containing tiny tarot "Moon" card, acorn, computer key, and Oregon Sunstone. 10" x 10"

$400

This piece is about my decision to return to Oregon, permanently, after an artist's residency in NC. It is inspired by a quote from Evelyn Anthony.. “Long afterward she was to remember that moment when her life changed directions.”

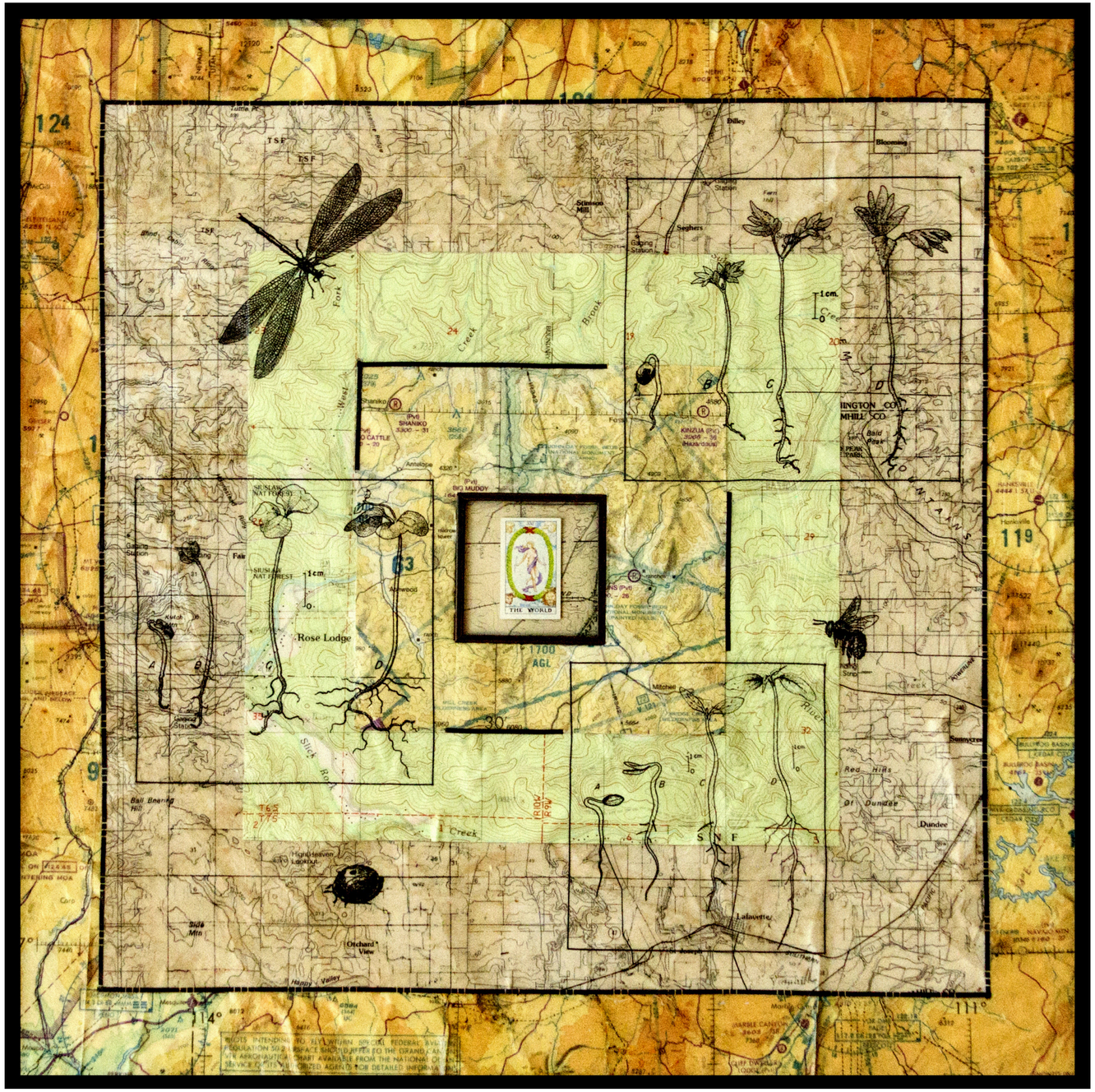


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On A Wing And A Prayer #1

Mixed media on map with detritus collected from tide lines in the area of the map, embedded in acrylic; 8”x22”x1.5”

$400



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The Encouragement of Light

Mixed media on maps, framed tiny (World) tarot card; 15"x15"x1"

$450

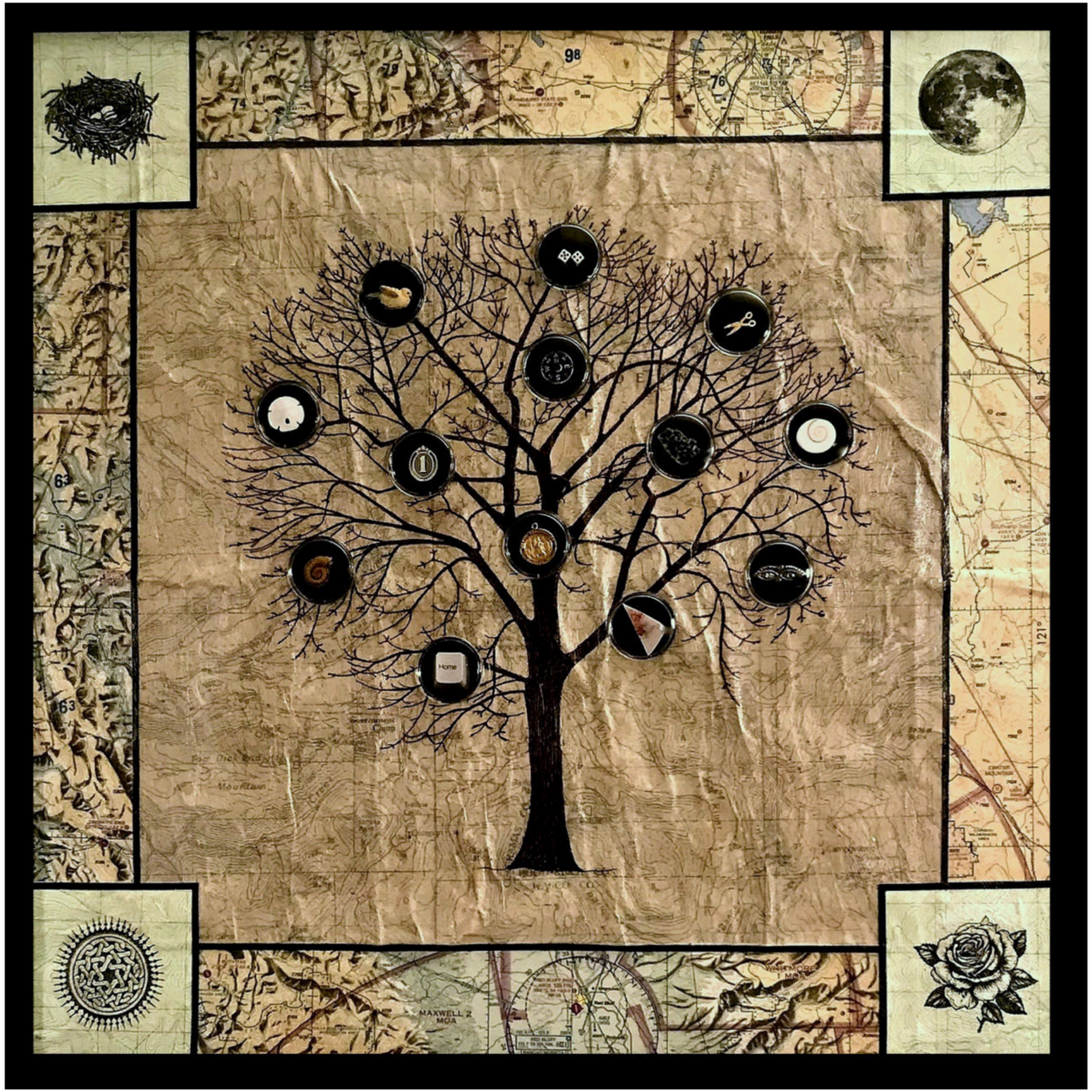


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Ordinary Magic - Cascade Head

Mixed media on aeronautical & topographical maps, inset/attached vials containing lavender, feather, and rose petals; 20"x20"x1"

$550



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Tree of Life: Home

Mixed media on maps and embedded specimen cases containing: toy bird, dice, scissors, sand dollar, compass dial, dollar, broken glass, shell, fiddlehead, religious medal, home key, pottery shard, buddha eyes; 20"x20".

$750



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Tree of Life: Cooper Mountain

Mixed media on maps and embedded specimen cases containing acorn, birdseed, crystal, bark, rosebud, leaf, eggshell, lavender, feather, seedpod, pumpkin seed; 20"x20".

$750



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What You Seek Is Also Seeking You

Mixed media on altered topo map,embedded magnifying glass, amethyst, silver dollar, rose petals, geode, mini bird cage containing poem; 30”x20”x1.5”

$800

"What you seek is also seeking you" is a Rumi quote (translated) suggesting that your desires and aspirations are not just random. They are part of a larger connection with the universe, implying that if you truly want something, it is also working to come to you. This idea encourages you to trust the process and be open to opportunities that align with your goals.



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Tools For The Journey

Mixed media on altered topo map, embedded pressure gauge, scissors, geode, vial of chili peppers, lock, and spool of thread w/ needle; 30”x20”x1.5”

$800

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Memento Mori (Life is Brief)

Mixed media on maps, tide tables, 8mm film strips, insect wing, feather, leaf, bleeding heart flower, snail shell, bird skull, candle, pocket watch; 20”x20”x1.5”

$950

In memory of my father and the many ways
he taught me to appreciate “ordinary magic”.



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Ordinary Magic #5

Mixed media on topographical and aeronautical maps, inset vials containing (L-R) acorns, rose petals, snakeskin, horsetail plant, roots, candle, feather, sage, pine needles, lavender; 18"x48"

$1,800



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Connected - Neckpiece

Photoetched copper, vials containing human hair, water, rocks, plants, bones.

$2,000







I grew up near the Cuyahoga River in Ohio. By 1960 the river was very polluted from the dumping of industrial waste. In 1969, the oil and debris caused the river to catch on fire. This gained national attention and directly contributed to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Clean Water Act. Decades of cleanup transformed the Cuyahoga into a cleaner ecosystem that now supports fish and wildlife. In 1974 it was designated as a National Recreation Area and in 2000 it was redesignated as the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



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Save Us From Ourselves Rosary

Copper, water and rock from Cuyahoga River, bits of broken glass collected during a river cleanup.

$2,200







I collected the broken glass for this piece while participating in multiple river cleanups in the 70’s.