

***“Art is not what you see,  
but what you make others see.”  
Edgar Degas***



## **NRI ART360 | Meet NorthPointe’s featured Artists**



**BOBBY GONZALEZ**

“I like painting because it makes me feel good. At first I wasn’t sure how to do it, but once I started to mix colors it was easy to create. I relax when I’m painting and proud when I get finished. I’ve been painting for about half a year now. I get excited when people tell me they like my work, it makes me want to paint more.”

**Artistic Approach**

Bobby starts with inspiration from pictures and experimenting with color. With an eye for complementing and contrasting color, his work has an aesthetic appeal.



**JANET OTERO**

“I love painting. People don’t see my disability in my paintings. Painting makes me feel like I’m in another world – very peaceful. I’m also learning needlepoint, and I make and sell my own jewelry at local events. Working in Employment Matters has given me the knowledge and experience to work in the community. My inspiration for painting comes from life, experience, and all the things I imagine in my mind.”

**Artistic Approach**

Janet’s work truly is an expression of herself. Principles of balance and composition are found throughout her work, and each painting incorporates elements of color, line, and shape.



**JAMES CANZLER**

“I am African-American, and I enjoy painting, drawing, and freestyle rap. Painting makes me happy. When I paint, I close my eyes and visualize myself on an island, painting. That’s how I pick out my colors. I paint all the things I see around me and that’s where I get my creativity. I am inspired by the works of Picasso – the first time I saw his work, I wanted to paint.”

**Artistic Approach**

James incorporates elements of texture and color in his paintings, as well as principles of variety and balance. James works on his paintings in stages, taking breaks after each portion he completes, evaluating his progress and make sure he’s maintaining his vision of the completed project.

***“People don’t see my disability in my paintings.” Janet Otero***



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## NRI ART360 | Meet more Artists



### BILLY UHO

"I never thought I would get involved in painting, and when I started, I was afraid I wouldn't be able to do it. The staff have made it comfortable for me to create art, and I look forward to painting. Painting makes me feel relaxed, and I'm proud of what I've accomplished when I finish a painting."

#### Artistic Approach

Billy likes to experiment in his artwork. He will start a project with an inspiration picture, and use his colors to start and uses watercolor paper, canvas, acrylic paint, sponges, brushes and palette knives to create his art.



### HEATHER CLARK

"I have been involved in painting for over a year now. I feel sometimes that my artwork is able to express emotionally more than I can with my words. Sometimes when I work on a piece, my feelings change during the process. I'm always proud of my work, and I feel like I've accomplished something."

#### Artistic Approach

Heather's artwork is all about feelings. She likes to use shape, form, and texture to convey a mood. Heather has used paint, fabric, re-purposed materials, clay, brushes, sponges and her hands to create art.

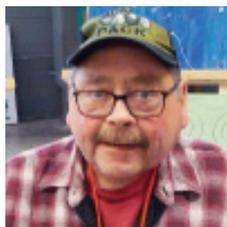


### JOEY KOLLROSS

Joey has painted for several years, and last year began selling his artwork through ART360. He enjoys painting with other people and it makes him happy.

#### Artistic Approach

Joey doesn't have a set routine when creating art. He typically will start with a background color, and add a subject matter to create a focal point. He has painted flowers and done abstract paintings. He likes to experiment using brushes, sponges, as well as his fingers and hands to paint.



### KEVIN MILLS

"Painting is exciting. I like being recognized for my work, and my work has been shown at ArtWauk, craft shows and Farmers Markets. I enjoy listening to music while I paint. I like all kinds of music, but I prefer something classical while I paint; something instrumental. I'm very proud of my work."

#### Artistic Approach

Kevin's paintings are truly a body of all his artistic experience. Rhythm, unity and emphasis are present in his work. Kevin starts with an idea and likes to see where it will go — "Every piece of my art is unique."



### MATT SNYDER

Matt started canvas painting about a year and a half ago and expresses happiness when he is creating artwork. His work displays talent and we look forward to watching his creativity expand.

#### Artistic Approach

Matt's enthusiasm for painting shows in his work. While he uses all colors, he prefers to incorporate green, blue, white, red and black into his paintings. He also likes to put puzzles together and glue them, which often results in an abstract approach to painting.



### SEAN HATCH

"I think painting is great. I love it. I enjoy taking my time to create a piece of art. There's nothing in particular I like to paint — ideas just come to mind. Sometimes I get ideas from looking at pictures and other artwork"

#### Artistic Approach

Sean will decide on what he will be painting, and then select what colors and tools he will use. He is currently interested in painting his interpretation of the lettuce in the hydroponics system, another program he is involved with at NorthPointe.