

Rain Drops, Drops of Greeting

Woman with kite in the rain

Media: Intaglio etching, chine collé (see definition tab) and colored pencils

Dimensions: image 24" x 18.25"; framed 26" x 31.5"

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Background: I am fascinated by paper. When I was introduced to the chine collé printmaking technique, I discovered handmade Asian papers. I would often buy paper with the thought that it would be used in one of my works; that is the case with the blue fan and red flower paper I used in this work.

I had just finished a series of pieces featuring kites. I made the prints by employing both collagraph and wood cut techniques. Then, I found this Haiku:

*Breath of cool winds
Rising in my sleeves
Rain marks, marks of greeting*

Creation is sometimes the process of finding the common links in things that are very different. The poem revealed for me the links of a woman in a wide-sleeved kimono, flying her kite, and suddenly greeted by rain. The chine collé paper I had put aside for a 'rainy day' was that kimono and her kite became her umbrella.

Amelia Island: It can sometimes be windy on our beautiful beach. I thought of this piece the first time I saw children and adults flying kites on those windy days. Our rainstorms can be welcome after the long, hot, dry, sunny days. This piece shares the feeling that rain can be a blessing and a joy to experience.

Nature Facts: I moved to the island and now treasure the weather; the island weather is a joy year-round. What a difference from the long, grey, winter days that stretched across the snow covered, flat, windy plains I knew as a child. Snowbirds—the winged and flightless kinds—come to Amelia Island to be greeted by this wonderful weather. Even the rain here is a mark of greeting.

See for yourself: compare our island weather to the weather that welcomes you in other places:

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