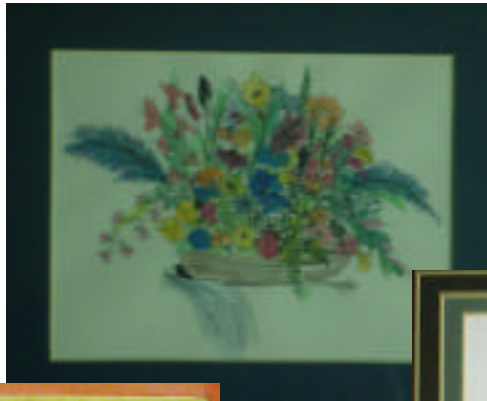
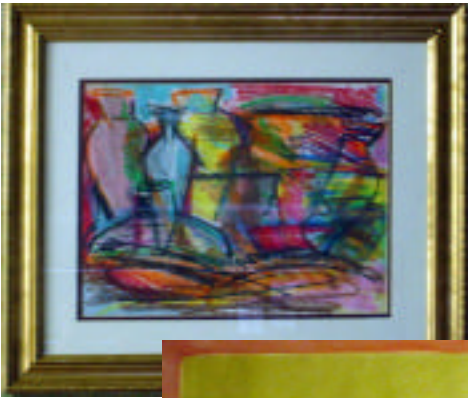


Dianne Stefanick, MA, ATR, LPAT, has worked in the field of art psychotherapy since 1985. Art therapy is the therapeutic use of art making, within a professional relationship, by people who experience illness, trauma, or challenges in living, and by people who seek personal development. Dianne entered the field of art psychotherapy after seven years of teaching art education at the elementary level, where she found her students were able to work out issues and feelings in a special way with art materials. This discovery sent her to pursue a master's in art psychotherapy, and to become one of seven licensed art therapists in the State of Mississippi. Art therapists are professionals trained in both art and therapy. They are knowledgeable about human development, psychological theories, clinical practices, spiritual, multicultural, and artistic traditions, and the healing potential of art.



Dianne currently works with youth aged 5 to 17 in a variety of locations and situations. She has worked in schools, group homes, rehab centers, crisis shelters for families and children, and addiction treatment centers addressing addiction, eating disorders, and past abuse. Presently, her contractual work includes Stepping Stones, Southern Christian Services, and Vicksburg-Warren School District, where she works with children who are discovering their own personal power through art while dealing with the issues of trauma, abuse, psychiatric disorders, and daily living. Dianne feels blessed to be both a witness and a part of her clients' discovery of their own self worth.

Dianne's love of art began at the age of four with drawings, followed by lessons from her godmother, an accomplished artist in Pennsylvania. Dianne has always exhibited and sold her work in the areas where she has lived, and she comments that some of her most satisfying creations have been the murals she painted in hospitals, homes, and offices throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Mexico, and Mississippi. She also enjoys doing commissioned portraits in her own unique style. Dianne has been in private practice since 1986, and currently resides in Clinton. See more of my art at picasaweb.google.com/diannestefanick. You can contact Dianne at: dyno8250@yahoo.com.