



JRB ART AT THE ELMS

Pasco Arts District

DIANA J SMITH



An Oklahoma native, Diana J. Smith received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting from the University of Oklahoma. Diana established her graphic design firm, Designsmith, Inc. in 1984. She has won dozens of awards through the years including many local and regional ADDY Awards in the commercial area, as well as numerous awards for her fine art. She has exhibited in juried, invitational, group, and solo shows. Diana is known for her acrylic paintings of canines, enlivening her subjects with qualities of loyalty, humor, inquisitiveness, mystery and patience. In 2014, Diana exhibited a solo show at the Oklahoma State Capitol in the Governor's Gallery. She began working in ceramics in 2014 as a break from painting, after completing this solo show at the Capital. Diana presented her ceramic Wizards in a solo show in Oklahoma

City in 2015 as A Mystical Menagerie. The menagerie included a variety of ceramic Celtic type characters, each with their own personal story. Smith stated, "Creating them is like illustrating a fairy tale in my imagination." Currently Diana is focusing on the Spirit masks and her laid back Jack rabbit ceramics. She lives and works in Arcadia, Oklahoma with her husband, and always a dog or two. Below you will find her ceramic wizards, each with their own narrative.

WIZARDS:



Midir King of the Isle of Falga

by Diana Smith

Ceramic Sculpture

22 1/2" tall, 11 1/2" wide, 11 1/2" deep

"Far below the surface of this earth exists an otherworld, a land of enchantment, magic, and supernatural beings. As king, I rule this world and belong here. Time runs on a different clock in this place, in fact, time often stops completely. Let me introduce my entourage who accompany me at all times. Raghall the Bluegill rests on my right shoulder and keeps me current on events. Morrigan, who has my left ear, advises me on battle strategies. My heir, Rian, waits in his chamber atop my head for the day when he will be able to stretch his scales and rule over the land in my stead. His guard, Brighid, rests above him, protecting him with her life.

A plot of treason is at our back and threatens even my young heir; Brighid has prepared herself by attaining the highest level in Protection Charms. Until of late, we had believed our gates were impenetrable. That was before a cloaked stranger appeared within the walls of my kingdom. My countries caught up to him and he questioned. Evidently, he crept through when time stopped for a short while (we must work on that). The stranger relayed that he had taken shelter within the safety of a tree one night and fallen asleep. Shortly, he was awakened by voices. He overheard the tree conversing with a vulture that had passed a battalion of grotesque, angry trolls coming to attack our kingdom.

We are now fortifying the siege; I know full well we will be victorious having been warned. I will end this entry until the marrow."



Cathal, The Liberator

by Diana Smith
Ceramic Sculpture
16" tall, 9" wide, 12" deep

Early one misty morning, I stood on the shore of Dingle Bay by the Celtic Sea gazing at the choppy waves as they swirled around my scaly toes. Faint plumes of smoke puffed occasionally from my nostrils, a vestige of my reptilian heritage. Most everyone in the vicinity knew that my great-great grandfather was indeed a dragon, but a dragon who always ought justice and freedom for the oppressed...[Keep Reading](#)



Crofan, The Chef

by Diana Smith
Ceramic Sculpture
13" tall, 4" wide, 3" deep

Cooking is my passion, but my quest is the perfect dish. Each morning, I begin the day in the garden choosing the freshest herbs, spices, and vegetables. I can cast a charm net in the stream and get an amazing delicacy, a Snout Nosed Red Bellied Green Guppy, excellent flavor. Next, I head into the kitchen where all the bowls have lined themselves up on the table, wobbling with excitement for today's adventure...[Keep Reading!](#)



Gaeth, The Scriptorian

by Diana Smith
Ceramic Sculpture
12 1/2" tall, 7" wide, 7 1/2" deep

As the country's only Scriptorian (medieval librarian), my days and nights are filled with duties. I have the most important job in this land. I catalog, read, clean, restore and in general maintain all the great writings of our time. One of the most difficult tasks is cataloging...[Keep Reading!](#)



Fleidman, Steward of the Wings

by Diana Smith
Ceramic Sculpture
13" tall, 6" wide, 6" deep

"In the earliest of time, great storms festered and boiled beyond the sea, far from the sight of man, where they grew to giant size and strength, then unleashed their fury as they swept toward the isles and land, swallowing all that lay in their paths...[Keep Reading!](#)

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