

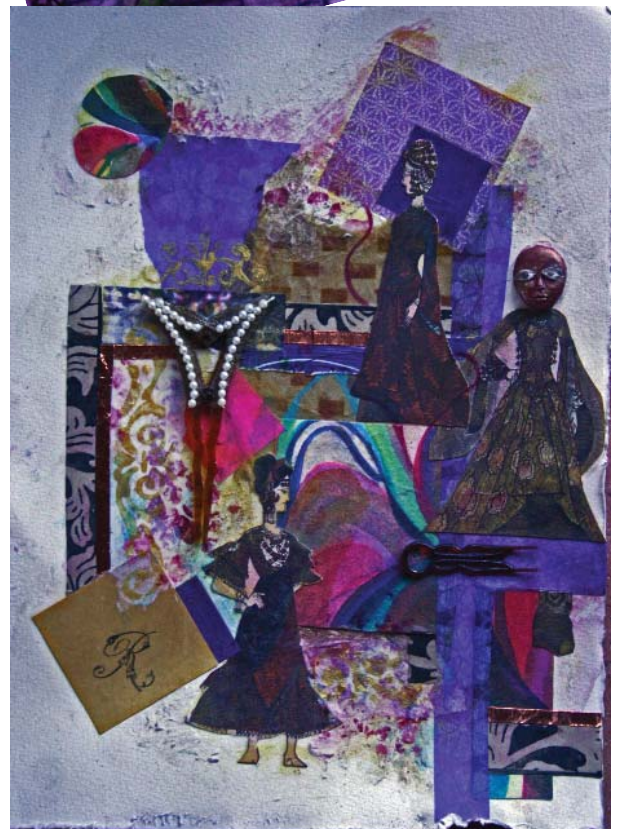
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To me, art is as essential as breathing. I use my creativity not only in daily, mundane experiences but also as an expression of my spirit.

There are so many aspects of art that fascinate me: paint, pen, color, computer and digital photography, all of which I usually incorporate into my work. I also love to create my own paper and designs on my computer to use in my work.

I am interested in shapes and their relationship to each other. Color is vital and I do not use just one palette. I love variety, sometimes using a dozen or more hues. I believe my images are able to denote emotion-from playfulness to the macabre. Many times I do not begin with a preformed plan but delight in the direction my scribbles might take me.



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After returning to college later in life, Jo Ann Koch earned a BA degree in art from California State University, Northridge. She continued her education at California State, Los Angeles, working on a master's degree in art therapy. Shortly before completing the degree, she decided to quit to train as a commercial artist. Jo Ann worked as a graphic designer and for Disney Studios.

Jo Ann has exhibited at the Folk Tree Gallery, the Folk Art Gallery, Los Angeles Seniors in Art, and Viva Gallery. She has written and illustrated four children's books that have been e-published. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, the Collage Artists of America, and Los Angeles Experimental Artists.

Jo Ann is a wife, mother and grandmother, and lives in Sherman Oaks.



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