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I've become an artist because, quite simply, it brings me joy. Creating art puts me in a state of "flow"—that delicious and serene sense of being completely focused and present in the here and now, immersed in the effortless course of creating. I love everything about the process of creating art: generating ideas, gathering materials and supplies, learning about tools and techniques, and the mysterious and challenging steps of implementation.

As an experimental artist, I sometimes begin with a vision and plan, but most often I just dig in and watch what transpires as the piece reveals itself to me. I love addressing the series of perpetual dilemmas and puzzles that must be solved as an art piece evolves in unexpected and surprising ways.

Art has enriched my life in myriad ways. Visiting galleries and museums is one of my favorite pastimes. I have a modest art collection and enjoy being surrounded by art in my home. And, I'm continually amazed at the depth and breadth of valuable life lessons that the experience of making art brings me—lessons about courage and fear, spontaneity and perfectionism, synchronicity and control. Being an artist has become a way for me to continue my journey of personal growth.



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**M**arilyn Jordan is a mixed media artist who works in collage, assemblage, altered books, and monotype. Although she's had many artistic hobbies since childhood, giving full voice to her creativity by becoming an artist has been her focus since 2000, after she left a 20-year career in human resources and organizational development. Her training in art has been through workshops and classes, as well as self-directed learning.

**M**arilyn is a member of Collage Artists of America, LA Experimental Artists, the International Society of Altered Book Artists (ISABA), as well as several internet-based artist groups. Her art work has appeared in a number of juried and group shows in the Los Angeles area.

**P**rofessionally, Marilyn is a coach (aka "life coach"), and works with private clients, focusing on both personal and professional issues with a concentration on the areas of transition, career, and self-discovery. She's married and lives in Sherman Oaks with her husband Jerry, who is a lawyer. Together they enjoy viewing and collecting art, traveling, spending time with good friends, and hanging out together at home.



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