

Rose Refour

Oklahoma City, OK



Rose Refour is a self-taught, mostly nonverbal adult Artist with Autism. Rose will often use art to express herself, for example, drawing a glass when she would like a drink or a sandwich when she is hungry.

She enjoys rendering flowers, hearts, women smoking and abstracts. When she is not busy creating, she is doing Word Finds or creating a shopping list of items she would like to purchase when her art sells.

Rose Refour's work can be found in private collections around the world. To see more of her work, visit her site www.roserefour.etsy.com or her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RoseRefour.

April Griffin

Arborfield, Saskatchewan, Canada



April Griffin is an artist living with Asperger Syndrome. She and her husband and four children are currently living in Arborfield, where she creates her art out of her home-based studio.

April states: “I am an autistic artist. Not all artists are autistic and not all autistics are artists but I am both. In my case one of the side effects of autism is that it helps me with art because I am a visual thinker, I think in pictures, like a movie. It helps me design things.”

As a child, Griffin drew everything around her. Without being able to express herself orally, art became her voice. She wanted to help with our local Jasper County campaign because she appreciates rural community and states that “living in a small town, (her) autistic self stands out.” So, she would like to promote awareness within our rural community to help those like her.

To view more of April’s art, visit her website www.aprilgriffen.com and her Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/aprilgriffinart>.

Jacob, 12, Newton, IL



Jacob is a 12 year-old boy with a diagnosis of autism. He is primarily nonverbal, but has a lot on his mind! He uses some verbalizations to make requests and direct the actions of others and his language is developing. Jacob began drawing to make requests prior to being able to speak about his wants and needs. The drawing he provided is of Spirit the horse. He drew it to request the movie "Spirit".

If you like Jacob's artwork, please send him a message to jasperoutreach@gmail.com!

Elizabeth, 13, Newton, IL



Elizabeth is a 13 year-old girl with a diagnosis of autism. Elizabeth enjoys drawing and is very creative. She loves dogs, and talking about the dog toys that she has. She often draws pictures of the dogs that she plays with and makes up stories about them. She has provided a book that she made in speech therapy that is about one of her favorite dogs, Skippy.

If you like Elizabeth's artwork, please send her a message to jasperoutreach@gmail.com!

Megan, 11, Newton, IL



Megan is an 11 year-old girl with a diagnosis of autism. She is the complete opposite of her twin, Morgan who shares the autism diagnosis. They are a perfect example of how no two individuals with autism are alike! Megan enjoys art and is very creative. She particularly likes to paint and helped create some of the puzzle piece pins that were distributed for autism awareness month in Jasper County.

If you like Megan's artwork, please send her a message to jasperoutreach@gmail.com!

Starr Weems, Athens, AL



Starr Weems is a watercolorist in Athens, AL. We connected with Starr via the Art of Autism Facebook page. She offered to commission a piece for our local autism awareness campaign.

Starr states, "I enjoy making art that represents the collision of reality and the fanciful world of dreams. My preferred medium is transparent watercolor, poured in layers over masking. Subjects are bathed in light amidst dark surroundings. Vibrant colors mingle and overlap one another, creating a magical feeling that reflects my thoughts on spirituality and the enjoyment of life."

To view more of Starr's work, visit her website www.StarrWeems.com or her Facebook page, www.facebook.com/starrweems.

Micah Groves, 10, Olney, IL



Micah is a 10 year-old boy with a diagnosis of PDD-NOS (Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified) and OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder). Micah particularly enjoys painting still life and drawing cartoons. Micah uses art to relax. His favorite painter is Van Gogh. Micah shared a watercolor called "Some Fruit on a Table."

If you want to send a message to Micah, email him at jasperoutreach@gmail.com!