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ABOUT THE ART

Surviving in Style

By Roland Escalona

Unfortunately, recently far too many people I knew personally, or people related to other people that I know, died due to some form of cancer. I know these people fought very hard until the end. They always found a source of inspiration [for their] fight and always tried to live their lives to the fullest in spite of their conditions. These artworks are my way of honoring their perseverance.



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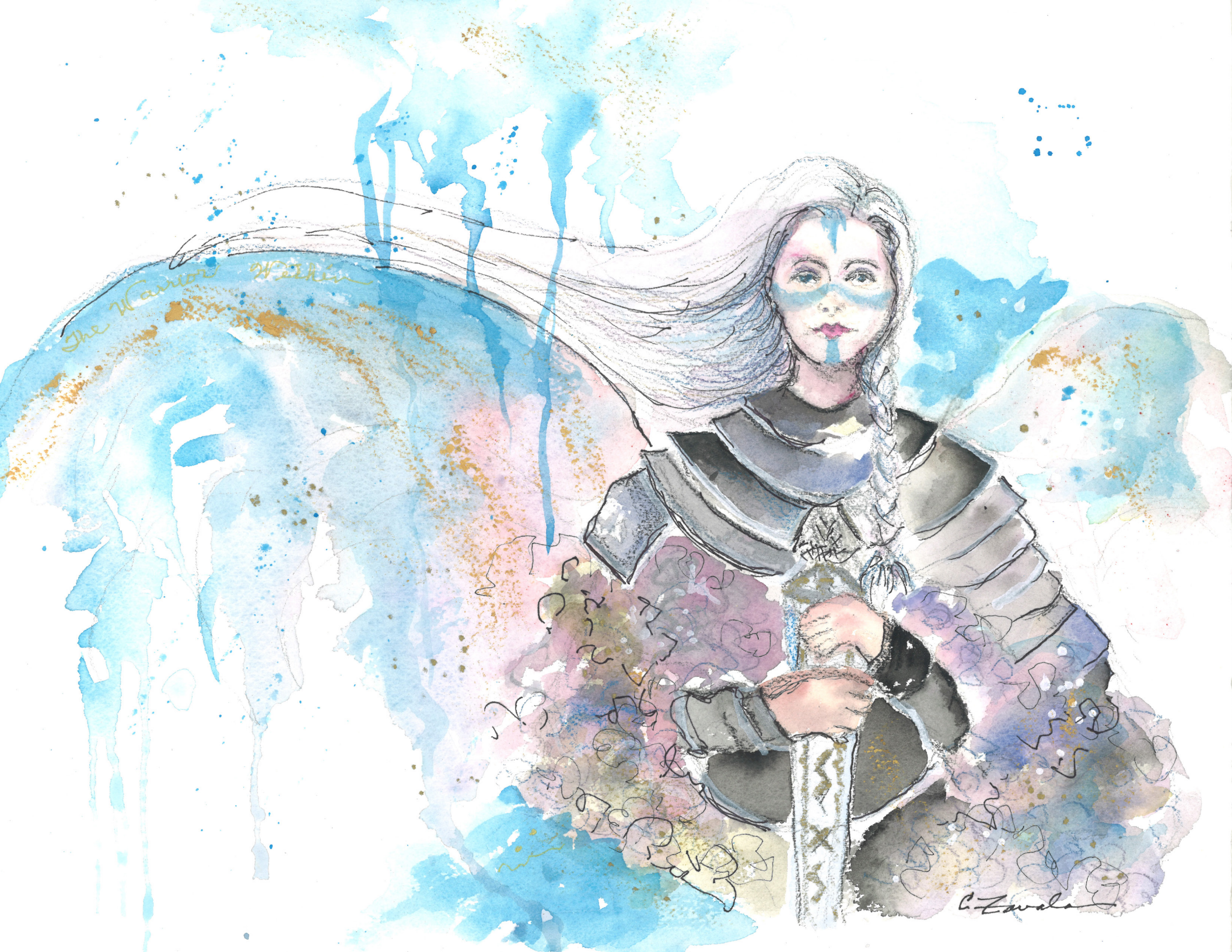
Garden Party

By Donna Faranda

Through the use of a computer painting program, I can render imagery based on the nobility of womankind. While working, I employ elements of collage in my paintings to conjure up pointillist pictures created from a mixture of fantasy, mood and symbolism, blended together in a variety of ways to create my own world. I try to communicate through my art images, which reflect my experience with cancer both as a survivor and as a helpline peer. While working, I am also plotting pathways to guide me toward brighter horizons by finding solace through my artwork, fulfilling my desire to construct and organize my world as well as helping me to find inner peace.

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The Warrior Within

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The Warrior Within

By Carole Zavala

During a difficult period of my Waldenström's cancer [Waldenström macroglobulinemia], I was taking a Zoom art class, and the instructor used an image of the Valkyrie women warriors. It helped inspire this painting and helped me navigate a tough time. My "Warrior Within" has been shared with others who find the image appealing and helpful.

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MAY 2025

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Magellan's Home in the Douro Valley

By William Brant

This is a photograph I shot in Portugal in May [of 2024]. It is titled "Magellan's Home in the Douro Valley." The serenity of the landscape brought me a great feeling as this was my first trip since starting daily targeted chemotherapy three years ago. I look at this image regularly to help sustain the peaceful feeling.

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JUNE 2025

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Flight of the Monarch

By Kim Tinsley

This original oil on canvas represents the release of the burdens of cancer from a person. The butterflies are carrying away the grief, stress and pain of this horrible disease. I have not had to directly deal with cancer in my personal life, but I have been a registered nurse for 30 years and have cared for numerous patients fighting this battle. I have family members who also have had to face cancer and go through life-altering treatments and surgeries. I submit this artwork in honor of my cousin, Roxanne, who, thankfully, has fully recovered from two bouts of cancer.

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Starlit consultation

By Jaslene Rodriguez

This is a watercolor piece named "Starlit consultation" about how cancer can be a scary and challenging thing for everyone involved, but also how it can bring us together even after all of the heartache to heal each other with just our presence, giving the will to push forward and keep fighting. Personally I've lost family members, even as young as a small child. [Although I was] too young to understand what was happening, I remember feeling that sense of togetherness and almost a somber peace around me, showing me how people in hardship can come together.

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Life Moves On

By Mamali Sarkar

A flock of birds in their natural environment, engaged in their own stories, doing what their wings were made for — flying. The vibrant, bright sunset colors intend to bring out the joy of experience and give us the lesson that life goes on — after every sunset there is a beautiful sunrise waiting for us! My aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer, and she passed away four years back. We were shattered by her demise, but again gathered together, and life goes on.

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John Colman

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where flowers bloom so does hope

By Lisa Tockman

Ten years ago, my mother, Wendy, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. In our first meeting with the oncologist, we listened as the doctor said my mother had between one and three years left. It was devastating to think that my mother, the fierce, mouthy woman who never got sick, could actually succumb to this disease. Well, the doctor was wrong. It has been 10 years, and she has [had] no evidence of cancer for more than five years. We know that each month could bring news of a recurrence, but we are hopeful and grateful for the amazing health professionals who have supported my mother. As a thank you to them and her fabulous gynecologic oncologist, Dr. Allison Axtell, I created this image to show that this disease-ravaged site could be beautiful as well.

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Tangled

By Diane Rogers

I was diagnosed [with] stage 4 [cancer] in April 2021 and created “Tangled” to depict the feeling in my face as my cancer recurred on a bone in the area of my trigeminal nerve, which caused numbness on the left side of my face, and then also the aftereffects of a craniotomy.

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Triumph

By Rose Bloom

Sadly, my mom passed away from cancer in 2011. In honor of my mom, who had leukemia, I felt "Triumph" was a perfect selection.



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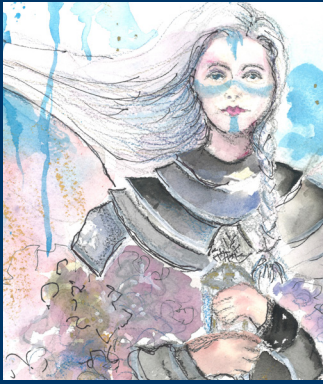
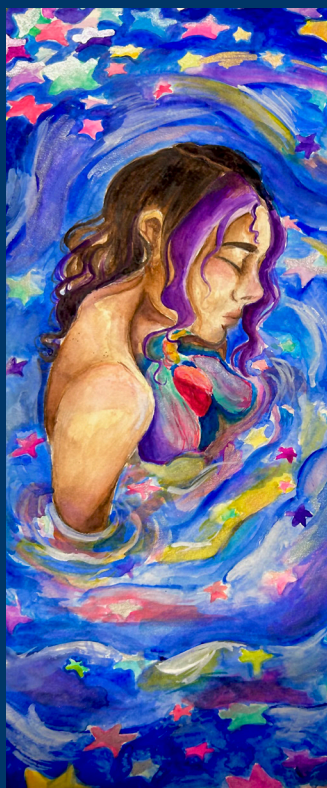
ABOUT THE ART

Guiding One Another

By Susie Westly Wren

I cared for my father for seven years as he moved through his journey with Alzheimer's, cancer and COPD [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease]. During that time, my husband was diagnosed with a stage 4, very rare skin cancer that had spread through his lymph system and populated his lungs with more than three dozen tumors. As a care partner, I guided them, but in doing so, they and their own journeys guided me to deep lows, miraculous highs, mystery, heartache, frustration, confusion, hope and hopelessness, love and everything in between. This new piece speaks to that ongoing journey.

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