



Joan Andal Romano is a member of the Fine Arts Society of Milton, Artists Toronto, Artists' Network of Riverdale and Gallery 1313. She is a mixed media artist by passion. Her artwork was showcased in May 2011 with great success. She first exhibited at the A.M. Gallery and then took part in several juried Toronto exhibitions such as: SpeakEasy's 16th Annual Fine Art Show at The Gladstone and The 9th Annual Queen West Art Fair. Growing up in Toronto, she admires the diversity and positive energy the city is well known for, as such, her artwork exhibits the same kind of energy through her use of vibrant colours and creative chaos in pattern and texture. Joan currently has her work in several on line galleries including Xanadu Gallery in Scottsdale, Arizona, Artists Toronto and the Artists' Network of Riverdale. Her art work can be found at Elephant Shoes, an Artisan Collective located in the heart of

Toronto.

Artist Statement

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

Howard Thurman

People ask me what feeds the inspiration to my artwork. It's the experiences in my life that are positive and uplifting. I like to surround myself with people who are visionaries. People who ask, "Why not?". People who do not mind stirring the pot of everyday life in order to create shifts of positive change. I love my family and friends; they show me what unconditional love means. The art is a result of my life – full of vibrant colours of happiness, disciplinary lines of determination and depth from all the hidden layers. The depth which is the "human factor" in all of us.

"Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life."
Pablo Picasso