

## Artist Biography ~ Jennifer Tepper Heverly

Jennifer is a third-generation native of Washington, DC, who has pursued fine arts in various media throughout her life. She matriculated from the Catholic University of America with a B.A. in English Literature, with minor concentrations in Fine Art and Philosophy. After graduating, she continued her education with classes at the Smithsonian Institute and Corcoran School of Art in Washington, DC, the former Columbia School of Visual Arts in Columbia, MD, and the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, VA.

She began her pursuit of a creative avocation in earnest subsequent to a career in commercial real estate in Washington, DC, spanning more than 15 years.

Jennifer's abstract acrylic work focuses on color: the play and movement of color, the juxtaposition between colors, and each person's unique experience of and relationship with color. Her goal is to create work with visual impact which elicits an individual and personal response from the viewer through the choice and interplay of color.

In addition to her painting, Jennifer has been a dyer for nearly 16 years, opening Spirit Trail Fiberworks in January, 2003. She uses a variety of dye techniques to create her sophisticated palette of luxury yarns which she sells online and at several large textile arts festivals. Her distinctive textiles are also available in one-of-a-kind, ready-to-wear hand-painted silk scarves, and hand-dyed and hand-knit hats, scarves, and other accessories, at Blue Ridge Artisans, her gallery, shop and working studios in Sperryville, VA, which she opened in 2016.

Jennifer has lived in a handmade house in the woods of Rappahannock County since 2004.

Studio Website: [www.blueridgeartisans.net](http://www.blueridgeartisans.net)

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