

C2C

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From broken and lost to purpose and identity! My creative work is visual diary of reinventing myself and rebuilding my life. My story is one that is relatable no matter where someone might be on their personal journey.



What's the Story?

An update from Jenny at Created to Create Studios

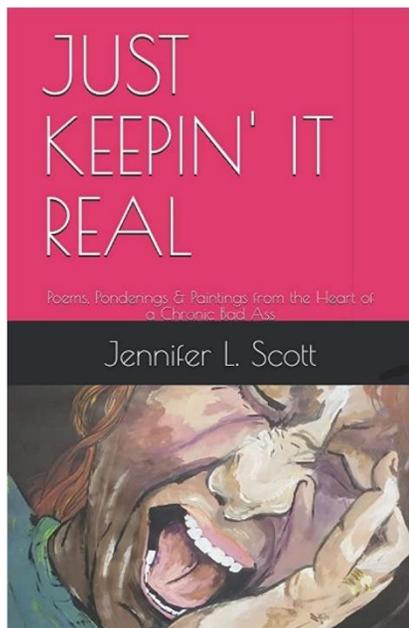
I guess the biggest news at C2C would be the publication of my very first book – “Just Keepin’ it Real – Poems, Ponderings & Prayers from the Heart of a Chronic Bad Ass!” It sounds like some kind of a big deal, but in truth, it was more of a spiritual exercise. The book itself is just a collection of my older writings coupled with images of some of my older art pieces. I had no intention of ever publishing it and it was done quickly and impulsively. That impulsivity stood out in the number of typos, mistakes and formatting errors that appeared on the pages once the printed copy was in my hands. So many mistakes! And it was the best thing that has ever happened to me!!!

Have any of you ever NOT done something because you were fearful that you wouldn't be good at it and might look like a fool to others? Sadly, that is how I have lived much of my life. I have missed out on so many opportunities and experiences because I was paralyzed by the fear of not being “acceptable” to others. That's why publishing this book was such a big deal. I did something new. In my first attempt...I didn't do so well. The errors of my inexperience are absolutely glaring! But you know what??? I survived!! I tried something new, I definitely wasn't great at it, and it didn't end me! I didn't lose any friends. I didn't ruin future possibilities. I am not doomed to be a failure. It just confirmed what I have always known deep inside – and proved it to be true. I AM PERFECTLY IMPERFECT! It took the act of publishing a messy book to finally understand that I can stop striving for the impossible. That I don't have anything to prove to myself – or anyone else.

My first book may not have been a perfectly sculpted best seller, but it was a goal that I have imperfectly reached and has given me the courage to keep trying things that I may

not naturally be good at. As a matter of fact, I'm currently working on book #2, "PURPOSE! – When God Connected the Dots" which will hopefully be published in tandem with the release of my latest art series.

Let me ask you... what goals and dreams have you cast to the side because of fear? Let me be your proof that it is perfectly okay to try and not be good. Or, you may try something new and find out that it's exactly what you were meant to be doing. Don't let fear rule your life. Go for it! ALL OF IT!



“Just Keepin’ It Real” is currently available in paperback form on Amazon.

<https://www.amazon.com/JUST-KEEPIN-REAL-Ponderings-Paintings/dp/B08ZH25LGM>

From The Studio

I'm still diligently working away at the 20 pieces needed for the release of my new series. My symptoms have put a temporary hold on full studio days. I am currently finishing up the ninth painting in this series of 20. My original goal was to have all 20 completed and show ready by June. Sadly, working in 15-minute increments with some needed days off have pushed that date out. I just released a video blog explaining why I am not sharing these pieces with the public just yet – but here are few close up “sneak peeks” at small areas of a few newer paintings. (Here is the link to my blog if you'd like to check it out! <https://www.jenniferscott-artist.com/blog>.)



From the Gallery

If you are interested in viewing paintings displayed in my “at home” gallery, please consider scheduling a “safe” visit via my website contact form!

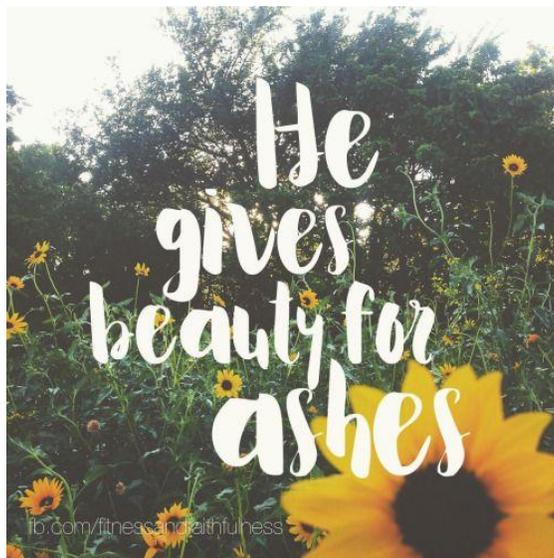
My newest series “A Message of Hope” will hopefully be ready for viewing within the next couple of months!

From the Ministry

The time has come to safely resume “in person” C2C workshops! If your group or organization is interested in hosting an event, please contact me via the website’s information form. (<https://www.jenniferscott-artist.com/classes>)

New Class! I’ve just created a new healing arts workshop!

Do you have a lot of “junk” in your past and are uncertain how any of it could be used for good? Do you feel as if the traumas, hardships struggles, and labels of the past are holding you back from creating something beautiful and meaningful within your life? Then this “Beauty from Ashes” workshop will be an amazing event for you! With the warmer weather finally upon us, I am considering hosting a few workshops in my backyard! If you are interested in facilitating this workshop for your group, shoot me a message! Once I firm up dates and even set-up, I will be releasing an event with booking option directly on the website. Stay tuned.....



UPCOMING EVENTS

SHOWS: Two of my pieces, “Running Low” and “Trapped Within” were chosen to be included in the virtual Art of Possibilities Show and Sale! The show runs from April 21st through May 14th and opens with a reception on Wednesday, April 21st at 6PM at www.CourageArt.com

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ART SHOW & SALE

GALLERY EVENT: I am currently creating solo show proposals to send to local galleries in hopes of securing an exhibit space for the release of my new “Hold on to Hope” series. Details will be announced as they are confirmed. The goal is a late July or early August show!

WORKSHOPS: Outdoor Healing Creativity Workshops...coming in May!

REFLECTIONS

The past few years have been filled with many scary and debilitating health issues that have been lumped onto my already difficult chronic illness journey. In the past, these setbacks would be all it would take to have me quit. I have been stuck in a pattern of God giving me dreams – and then quitting when it seemed too hard or impossible. Thankfully, there has been a transformative shift in that thinking and God has been giving me the gift of tenacity and of extending grace to myself. If you are struggling to achieve your goals because life circumstances keep throwing you off track, here is my unsolicited advice:

It's okay to push out goal dates...but it's not okay to quit!

Keep going! You've got this!

