



## Painted Peace

**W** E ALL LOVE Bellingham. And here's another reason why! Nationally acclaimed Artist Stephanie Burgess and founder of Painted Peace lives right in our own backyard.

You'll find Painted Peace Studios right outside the Geneva neighborhood where Stephanie is busily creating new art and product lines while running a very busy online store and boutique. When you meet her, it becomes immediately obvious that her own self and personality are clearly and truly evident in the art.

The creation of a simple message, along with an intent of peace, community, family and friendship is at the heart of Burgess's unique and contemporary style of art. Her work is vivid, colorful, and whimsical. It is playful and simple, yet carries a profound message. Her art, which has been translated into a variety of products for the home and garden, speaks to love, hope, peace and kindness. The canvas for her art is wood, which is then burned and painted.

Stephanie, a former Midwife and Registered Nurse for 20 years, has always been creative. While she considered herself nothing more than a talented crafter in the beginning, she

soon discovered that her art struck a chord with people. As a vendor at our Farmer's Market, her booth was always packed and full of smiling people! "They seem to have a visible reaction of happiness when they see my art. It is simple, almost childlike and I think in our complex world today, it soothes the soul."

The year 2012 was the year that changed everything for this PeaceHealth Nurse. Shortly following a diagnosis of breast cancer, she met Licensing Agent, Alicia Dauber of Licensing Liaison, who also resides in Bellingham. Manning her booth at the Bellingham Farmers Market proved to be difficult for Stephanie as she was actively undergoing chemotherapy. So her friends rallied and set up a display of her art at the Allied Arts Holiday Festival. Dauber saw her work, noticed how fresh it was and thought "this gal is on to something" She immediately wanted to take Burgess's art and message to a national audience. On Stephanie's behalf, she met with product manufacturers at America's Mart in Atlanta—the largest manufacturers wholesale show in North America. The response to her art and idea of the Art Pole was over the top! Many were immediately interested in partnering with her, some even flying out to meet her in her Bellingham studio. It was a whirlwind of activity for the budding new business. The success came so fast, it was almost surreal. And with the blink of an eye, this full time RN became a full time Licensed Artist!

Burgess launched her first line of Art Poles the following year. The Art Pole was awarded Best New Product by NY Retail Magazine and Stephanie continues to enjoy much success as a Licensed Artist and Retailer. Due to her wild popularity, she later partnered with SONY Epic to collaborate on "The Lyric Project", a line of Art Poles seamlessly blending the brilliant lyrics of Lennon & McCartney with her bold artwork.

Stephanie welcomes visitors to her Bellingham Store anytime by appointment. Open 7 days a week, someone will always be at the studio to help you explore. You can experience the magic of Stephanie's creative genius and see what she is currently working on. You'll recognize pieces that can be discovered on various products sold in stores all over the country. Tour the Pole Gardens, enjoy a glass of wine, and shop until you drop!

Or attend her Open Studio Parties. These are invitation only. Contact Stephanie to sign up on her email list to receive on-sale notifications and invitations to events. Chef-prepared food, spirits and good conversation aplenty. So bring some friends and find your ideal gift at Painted Peace.

### Upcoming 2022 Studio Parties

October 22

November 5

December 3-4

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You can also shop online at [www.paintedpeace.com](http://www.paintedpeace.com) which showcases mini documentaries describing her creative process and artist story.

*"Turning to your art, now with you and your space in mind, brings comfort, joy and peace. Your art touches in simple and profound ways. You are enormously effective in reaching the whimsical side of us—the longing to smile and feel hopeful and even dance. Yet you also touch on what we hold dear and want to protect... Thank you"*

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