

ANNE LEUCK STUDIO

STATEMENT – ANNE LEUCK

I am a graphic storyteller, informally documenting my life in daily sketchbook since 2001. These paintings cross that taboo line, fully honoring but also exposing some of these physical, emotional and mental oddities of midlife. Consider this a public service announcement to the men in our society and the younger women...yes, it might be helpful for you to know what's coming down the pike! And, for all my sisters just embarking on, or already steeped in, this peri/menopausal journey with me...please revel in these celebratory depictions of the horror and humor of the Freak Show of the Middle Aged Woman!

I have an even greater respect and admiration for the women who have come before me and all they've accomplished knowing they did it while dealing with these insane physical, and at times, brain bending conditions. Where the hell did I put my glasses, my keys, park my car? Stopped in their tracks as they exhaustingly wipe the sweat from their brow, tearing the layers of clothes off as the heat envelops their body...

Upsides: the empathy and sisterhood among womenfolk, as we trade stories and remedies and curse our mothers, for not warning us. This might be with your best friend or a woman standing in line at the pharmacy as you commiserate over hot flashes and age spots. This stuff ain't pretty but all we can do is laugh and embrace it. In spite of this midlife spectacle that is now my body I wouldn't choose to be any other age, for that would mean surrendering all the wisdom, experience, and confidence I've gained over these 49 years of my life.

BIO – ANNE LEUCK

Anne Leuck leads a double life, pet portrait painter and digital illustrator and muralist by day, clay sculptor, drawer and painter by night. Much of her work is informed by her daily biographical sketchbooks. In truth it all happens at night, with the exception of the sketchbook journaling – she says that sacred time is best enjoyed over morning coffee.

Anne utilizes traditional painting as well as digital illustration to create her custom murals and pet portraits. Her signature graphic style is composed of simplified forms, sophisticated compositions and vivid color palettes which she uses to tell not only her own stories but those of her clients via commissioned works of art. Anne has recently added sketchbook journaling workshops to her repertoire, where she teaches others to establish a similar practice. As a pet adoption advocate, Leuck uses her animal-themed art to encourage support of animal welfare and shelter organizations.

Anne's work has been exhibited nationally. She is also an illustrator and has licensed her designs for stationery and home decor products. Her work has appeared on expressway billboards, neighborhood banners, t-shirts, tv shows, movies and even farm fields. She's been featured in publications such as The Chicago Tribune and USA Today, Modern Dog and on programs such as Art Beat Chicago and Animal Planet. Anne's works hang in private collections in over 30 U.S. States, as well as internationally.

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SELECTED GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 **STATE STREET GALLERY at Robert Morris College – Artist’s Carnival**, Chicago, IL
2011 **DEER PATH ART GALLERY– Whimsical**, Highland Park, IL
2010 **HARRY AND LAURA NOHR GALLERY– Women in Grains**, Platteville, WI
2009 ROTOFUGI GALLERY - *Chicago Artists Show*, Chicago, IL
2007 BILDER VON IHREM HUND (The Dogs Gallery) Essen, GERMANY
AMDUR GALLERY – *Animal Parade*, Glenview, IL
2002 **THE DOGS GALLERY**. West Lake Village, CA
2002 W. KOEHNLINE GALLERY. Des Plaines, IL
2002 EVANSTON ART CENTER. Evanston, IL
1998 ARC GALLERY. Chicago, IL

SELECTED JURIED FINE ART SHOWS & FAIRS

- 1999-2016 ONE OF A KIND SHOW & SALE, **Merchandise Mart, Chicago**
UPTOWN ART FAIR, **Minneapolis, MN**
KOHLER ART MUSEUM ART FAIR, **Sheboygan, WI**
BROOKSIDE FINE ART SHOW, **Kansas City, MO**
ATLANTA DOGWOOD ART FESTIVAL, **Atlanta, GA**
4 BRIDGES ART FESTIVAL, **Chattanooga, TN**
CAIN PARK ART FESTIVAL. **Cleveland Heights, OH**
ART FAIR ON THE SQUARE, **Madison, WI**
COTTONWOOD ART FAIR, **Richardson, TX**
BROADRIPPLE FINE ART FAIR, **Indianapolis, IN**
ST.JAMES COURT FINE ART FESTIVAL, **Louisville, KY**

PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS & COMMERCIAL INSTALLATIONS

- 2015 Urban Pooch Canine Training & Fitness Center, **Chicago, IL**
Commissioned to design 11’x14’ mural for facility lobby
Commissioned to design 8x10 foot mural for facility recreation area
Commissioned to design 9 dog cutouts for facility and outside building signage
- 2015 Pet’s First Chicago, **Chicago, IL**
Commissioned to design a multi panel mural decal for lobby windows
Commissioned to design and create a triptych for lobby check in area
- 2014 Ravenswood Animal Hospital, **Chicago, IL**
Commissioned to design and create a custom 3x4 foot art piece for lobby check in area
- 2011 In Bloom Public Art Project, **Oak Brook Terrace**
Commissioned to paint fiberglass Bird Bath Sculpture for Outdoor Mall Exhibit
- 2001 Suite Home Chicago, **Chicago Public Art Project, Chicago, IL**
Commissioned to paint “Suite Chicago Dogs” a life size furniture installation displayed on Michigan Ave and auctioned for charity Fall 2001

COLLECTIONS

City of Chicago Animal Care & Control

Pets First Chicago

Ravenswood Animal Hospital

Roscoe Village Animal Hospital

The Health Insurance Shoppe

Urban Pooch Chicago

Works held in private collections in Canada, **the United States, UK, Germany, Japan, Greece, Korea, and Thailand.**

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

- 2012 /11/08 The Fields Project, Oregon, IL
2007 The Fields Project, **Oregon, IL**
Created an Eleven Acre Field Sculpture to bring awareness to Animal Adoption
2003 The Fields Project, **Oregon, IL**

EXHIBITIONS - ART & DESIGN TRADE SHOWS

- 2006** The LICENSING SHOW®, New York, NY
2005 The LICENSING SHOW®, **New York, NY**
- 2000-1999 The LICENSING SHOW® New York, NY Rep by the Lazear Agency
SURTEX® New York -Debut of Designs to International 2-D Art Market
International Furniture Market High Point, NC Rep by Franklin Home
International Art Buyers Caravan Atlanta, GA Rep by Denver Art Company

ILLUSTRATION & DESIGN

- 2012 Street Banner Design, Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce
2009 Prairie Village Art Fair Poster Design, Prairie Village, KS
Norcross Art Festival Poster Design, Norcross, GA
- 2008 City of Chicago ACC - **Street Banner Design + CACC Chicago Reader Ads**
2007 City of Chicago ACC - Adopt-A-Pet-In-the-Park Poster design
Tree House Animal Foundation – Stray Cat Strut Poster Design
- 2007 Chicago Animal Care & Control **Designed banners hung in the lobby of Chicago City Hall**
- 2004 North Halsted Merchants Assoc. – Poster Design: Pride Fest, Chicago, IL
- 2002 *Amazon Girls Handbook*, Published by Wicker Park Press, Chicago, IL

PRESS

- 2015 [TouchVision](#) – Feature documentary “I Want to Paint Your Dog”, Chicago, IL
[NBC Chicago Fire Series](#) Original Art Featured as set decor, Chicago, IL
[WCIU You and Me This Morning](#) Art Featured with Chatty Snaps, Chicago, IL
- 2014 [Cesar’s Way Magazine](#) – Art Featured August 2014, New York, NY
[Milwaukee Sentinel Newspaper](#) – Art Featured August 2014, Milwaukee, WI
- 2011 [190 North](#) – Feature on ABC Channel 7 Magazine show, Chicago, IL
[Eastern Iowa Life](#) – Featured Art, Marion, IA
[Ogle County News](#) - Featured Art, Oregon, IL
- 2010 [Niche Magazine](#) - Featured Art, Baltimore, MD
[Chicago Social Magazine](#) - Featured Art, Chicago, IL
[Chicagoland Tails Magazine](#) – Feature Story, Chicago, IL
- 2009 [Somerset Magazine](#) - Featured Art, Laguna Hills, CA
[Party Animals Book](#) – Virginia Beach, VA
- 2008 [Chicago Sun Times](#) - Featured Story, “Potential That Pops”, Chicago, IL
[Chicago Dog Magazine](#) – Featured Dog Artist, Chicago, IL
[Art Business News](#) – Cincinnati, OH
[The Bark Magazine](#) – Featured Art, Berkeley CA
- 2007 [New Line Cinema: The Number 23 Feature Film](#) - Artwork featured as set decor
[CLTV / Metromix](#) – Television Interview at One of a Kind Show
[VIVA Magazine](#) – featured in Chicago Event Article. United Arab Emirates
- 2006 [Modern Dog Magazine](#) Feature on Pet Portraits, Montreal, Canada
[Marie Claire Italie](#) – Artwork Featured, Florence, Italy
- 2005-2001 [Animal Planet](#) – Art in feature on **Error! Contact not defined.**, Los Angeles, CA
[In The Loop Chicago](#) – Interview and Art Featured, Chicago, IL
[Licensing Magazine](#) – Artwork Featured, New York, NY
[Big Idea Magazine](#) – Interview and Art Featured, Detroit, MI
[Chicago Sun Times](#) - Featured Artist for Chicago Artists’ Month, Chicago, IL
[BLUR Magazine](#) – Interview and Art Featured, Chicago, IL
[Chicagoland Tails Magazine](#) – Cover Design Artwork Featured, Chicago, IL
[Chicago Sun Times](#) - Featured Artwork for Illinois Arts Alliance, Chicago, IL
[Chicago Tribune](#) - Featured Story Home & Garden Cover, Chicago, IL
[La Crosse Tribune](#) - Featured Cover Story, La Crosse, WI
[The Wednesday Magazine](#) - Featured, Kansas City, MO
- 2000-1996 [Kids Today](#), Interactive Art Piece Featured, New York, NY
[HOME FURNISHING NEWS](#) Art Piece Featured, New York, NY
[ABSOLUTE ARTISTRY](#), Interview - WYCC-TV/Channel 20 Chicago

AWARDS & HONORS

Full feature Documentary “I Want to Paint Your Dog” **Touchvision, Chicago, IL**
American Graphic Design Award – HSUS Spotlight Humane Invitation
Featured Artist for 2004 Chicago Artist’s Month, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs
Merit Award – Migraine Masterpieces, National Headache Foundation, Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Madison 1990 - BS in Art

AFFILIATIONS

Chicago Art Girls

