

Cherla Art (Cheryl Ann Shanks)

Bio

Fine Artist, Photographer, Art Instructor, Artist Representative

Cheryl Shanks is a fine artist, art instructor and artist representative living in Napa. As an instructor Cheryl has taught art for 18 years at levels ranging from kindergarten to college. At the primary level she instructs the foundations of art, which include teaching the masters in painting, design, drawing, and art history. At the college level she teaches encaustic painting, and mixed media that include photo alternative processes. She also teaches private workshops in the Bay Area.

Ms. Shanks has been a fine art photographer for eight years. In this time she has been juried into several regional, national and international art shows with her *Being Woman Series*. She has won many awards and has enjoyed five solo shows in the past seven years.

Cheryl is vice president and chief curator of the acclaimed Bay Area “Photo Irregulars” for whom she has arranged multiple shows for the group of eclectic photographers. She is also a member of Vineyard 360, an exclusive wine country photographic narrative portrayed with both words and extraordinary imagery.

She has taught at the Mendocino Art Center, Napa Valley College, and Solano College as a visiting and specialist artist.

As an artist representative she has afforded a noted Bay Area fine art photographer to be collected by the infamous Rene Di Rosa and the Crocker Museum in Sacramento, which was no small accolade on either front. Her foresight and tenacity enable her to promote art she believes “tell a story.”

Cheryl’s art studio is located on Mare Island at Coal Shed Artists’ Studios where you can visit her by appointment. There are also regular art shows, Open Studios and private gallery shows at Coal Shed that she participates in.

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