The artist was born in Beaumont, Texas in 1954 and grew up in Lufkin in a log house. This experience exposed her to small town and rural life in the 1950's and '60's in the South with all the natural landscape and wildlife that came with it. Her art work is influenced by the memories of those experiences on farms, in hunting camps and in kitchens. She spent many hours outdoors during the days and evenings, exploring woods and fields and gazing at the night sky. As an adult, she reads voraciously about Art and Art History, Science, other cultures and the mysteries of life. She has traveled to many places, visiting family and friends in Europe and the US. All of those things continue to affect her work and imagery.

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