



I make art because I want to try and see the world differently. I want to *see* things, not just *look* at them. I think that thru art, I can bring parts of myself my mind and my creativity together with the real world in a way that hopefully can inspire others to do the same. Cuz all people should know how to do art.

In Abstract Photography, you have a lot of options to create something new out of something that already exists or that people may look at every day but perhaps do not see the beauty of. Abstract Photography gives me the opportunity to really use form line shape and color to crate something new and beautiful out of something old, and perhaps forgotten. I used selective focus in conjunction with the use of strong value and contrast to create the above image. My image is a black and white photograph of an artichoke strainer; however, by applying various techniques, I was able to bypass the everyday strainer and turn it into something visually interesting.

The use of high contrast and value really bring out the small scratches in the metal that seem to have their own history. This photograph gives me a feeling of happiness because it makes me think of the warm meals shared with friends over the course of the years that I have owned the strainer. I like this photo cuz it makes me happy.