## Lisa Marie Penn

Screen Painter

Bio

I am a professional artist born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1974. My specialties include the beloved Baltimore folk art of Painted Window Screens, Wall Murals, Portraits, Landscapes and much more. I work in many mediums!

I knew I was born to be an artist ever since I first held a crayon and my love for art grew, as I did, through my years as a student. I went on to study at the Maryland Institute, College of Art in Baltimore. In 2005 my childhood friend and I opened 2 Hot Art Chicks Gallery in our hometown neighborhood of Hampden in Baltimore. This business venture would be the seed that would eventually rekindle my desire to be an Artist Entrepreneur. Running a gallery and supplementing with side work was not an easy task. Eventually it was time to move on and get a job with steady income and benefits. I went to work as a Conductor for Amtrak in 2008. During this time, I continued my Art on the side when I was able to find the time.

In 2014, two weeks before I turned 40, I got the shock of my life. I found out I was going to be a mommy, something that was not in my plans. Railroad careers are extremely demanding and would not afford me the time and energy to be the parent that I wanted to be. After an intense emotional struggle, I decided to resign and become what I was always supposed to be and missed very much. An Artist!

My daughter and I moved to Ocean Pines in 2019. I currently work as a full-time artist out of my home studio. I offer private paint parties and teach Painted Screen Workshops regularly as it is my goal to pass down this art form. I also enjoy participating in local festivals and artisan markets around the Delmarva area.

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