

ACPL's Gallery Artist . . .



Toria Scott was born in Florida but has lived in Crossville since fairly young. When she was 8 years old, she started dance classes at the Playhouse but she was in constant pain. The doctors could not find a reason for the leg and back pain until Spina Bifida, previously hidden, showed up on X-ray and MRI scans when she was in her mid-20's.

Growing up, she also had frequent dizzy spells and episodes of fainting, without any warning, or any noticeable reason. She was diagnosed with Neurocardiogenic/Vasovagal Syncope around the same time that the Spina Bifida was found.

Because of these problems, she became unable to hold a normal job. Toria was found to be totally disabled.

When she had been 10 yrs old, Toria started taking art lessons with a local artist: Sandra (Sam) Reilly - who felt that she had talent and might want to pursue a career in the arts. At age 15, Toria started selling her works professionally, although, it is a commission or a duplicate of another painting. She rarely sells her original works. At age 16, she started creating original jewelry designs- customers are quite impressed with these creations. Toria usually uses sterling silver, silver plating, or filled, gold, gold plating or surgical steel for her findings. But there are other kinds she can use, as well. Her jewelry is made from Swarovsky crystal, pearls, semi-precious gemstones, glass and acrylic beads and incorporates the use of other, more unusual, focal points.

Tori has artwork hanging in private collections in: Florida, California, New York, Michigan, and, North Carolina. One of her paintings, based on the musical *CATS* made when she was 18, has been hanging in the permanent art collection of the Art Circle Public Library on the first floor since 2010. Tori is delighted to be able to show her works to anyone in the community who may wish to see them. She is available to do commissions for her artwork, sculptures, wood burned works, and also, for her jewelry.

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