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**MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!**  
*Jack & Monica  
Puryear*

Cover photo by Jack Puryear  
Cover art *In the Hood* created  
by Monica Puryear

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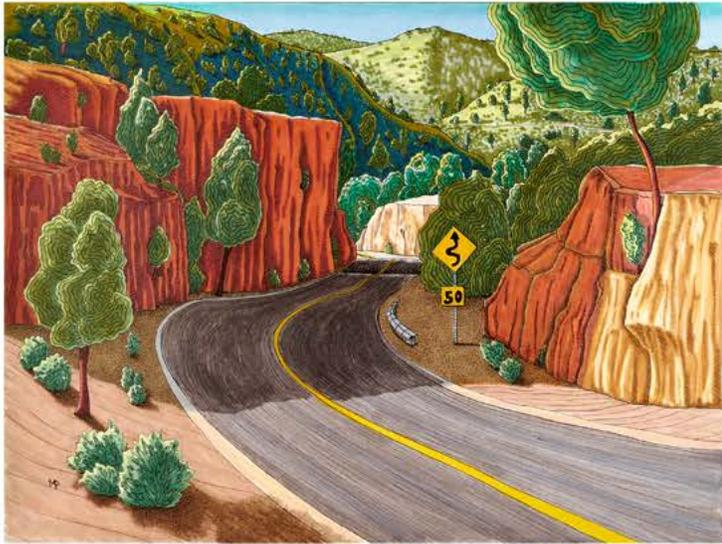


Hill Country Sunset

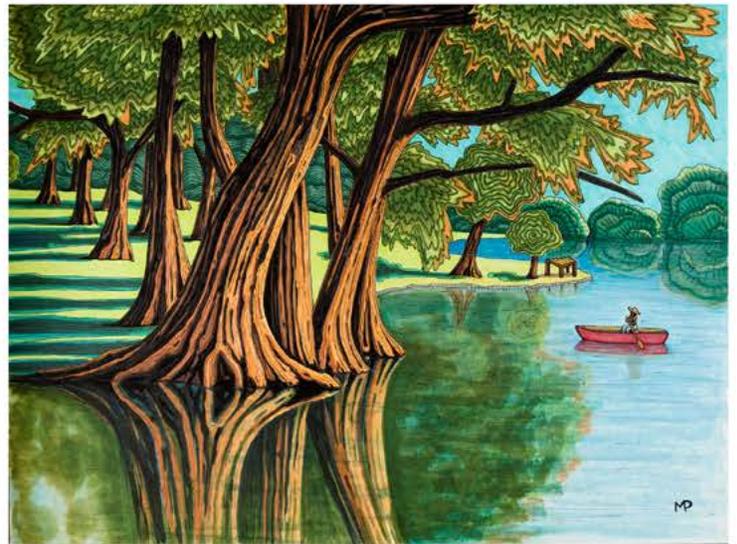
# THE ARTISTIC DUO OF Jack & Monica PURYEAR



Left:  
Ghost of  
the West



Open Road



Frio River

**G**rand Mesa residents Jack and Monica Puryear are both artists who have lived in the Leander/Cedar Park area for many years. Monica grew up in Florida and lived in Texas, New Mexico and California before she finally landed in Central Texas where she knew she had to be. In 2005, Jack and Monica both took a leap of faith and met through a dating service and were married six months later by the honorable Judge Sam Sparks on their 5 acre estate in Leander, Monica rode her beautiful palomino horse across the pasture to the alter!

Jack is a native of Austin and received his bachelors in photography from Sam Houston State University and completed graduate studies at The University of Texas at San Antonio. He has owned and operated his own business, Puryear Photography Inc. for over 37 years and specializes in commercial and portrait photography. He has photographed numerous dignitaries including former president Lyndon Johnson, our former Governor Ann Richards as well as our current Governor. Jack is also an avid sports car enthusiast and instructs for Edge Addicts at Circuit of the Americas and at other track venues. Jack also enjoys Ridesharing neighbors to and from the airport and around town, you might even hear a few stories about old Austin or the time he was tackled by the Secret Service while photographing LBJ as the campus photographer at Southwest Texas State! In the end he and LBJ became friends and had many short but interesting conversations everytime he visited his old almer mater.

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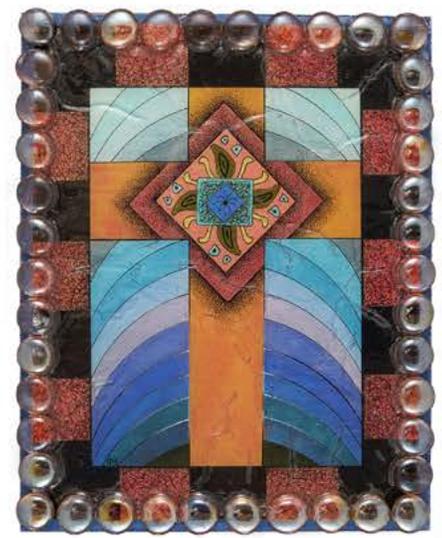
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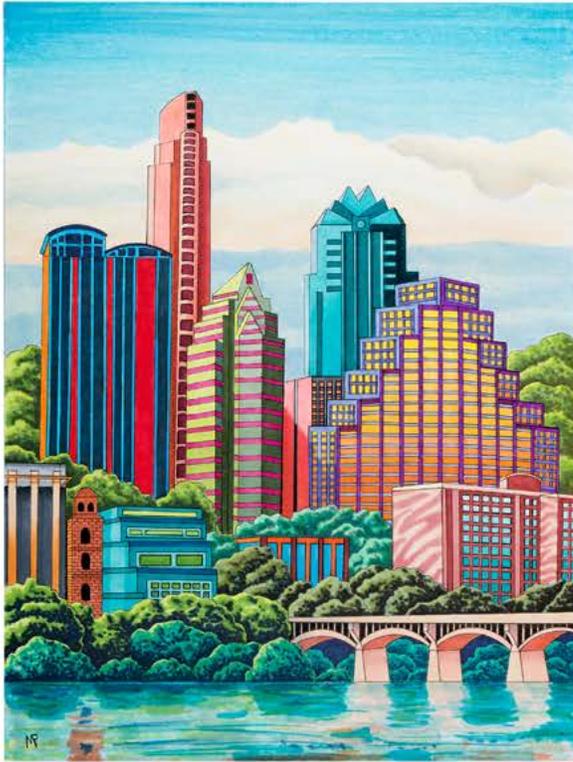
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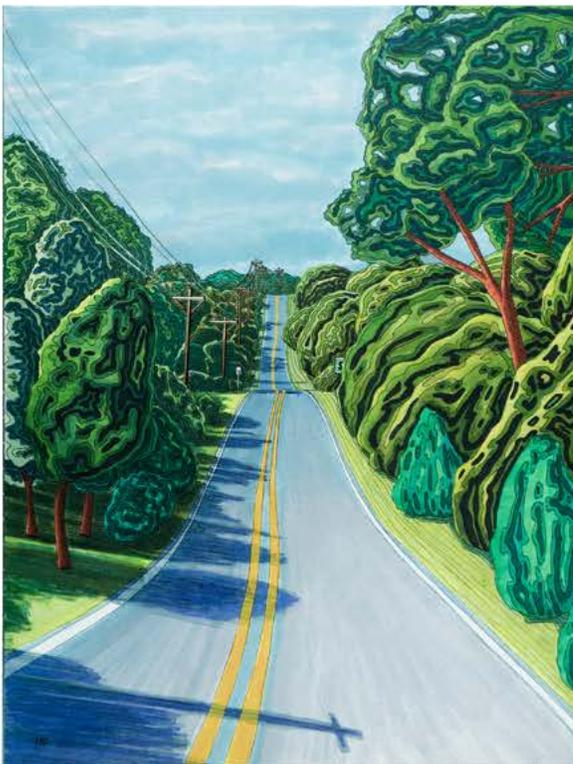
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Rainbow Cross (acrylic)



Skyline



Texas Highway

Monica earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Florida and has participated in numerous national exhibits. Her affinity for nature is evident in her vividly colored artwork which depicts animals, fantasy landscapes and botanical themes, both in oils and pen & ink. Jack developed a new technique using acrylic liquid poured over an image lending it a glass-like appearance which Monica then embellishes with colorful glass and ceramic tiles.

Always an advocate for wildlife and pet rescue she has worked in two wildlife rehabilitation hospitals in California and was on the board of the local SPCA. She and Jack currently have three dogs, two Chi Chi's and a black lab. If anyone is searching for a pet portrait Monica can do that too!

Aside from creating beautiful artwork and photography, Monica and also possess another talent: writing. Jack have produced a children's book entitled "A-Z, Find Your Words" for children just beginning to spell, and have another in the works. They both enjoy entertaining for their large extended family in their backyard oasis. Monica calls her brood the "Puryear Flash Mob", which includes five grandchildren. Of course they love watching the Cowboys and even brew their own beer!

Currently both Monica and Jack are exhibiting with the "Gallery Off The Square" in Georgetown and invite the public to attend First Friday every month from 6-8 PM where you will find the largest collection of unique work by local artist's available in the area. They will also be in an upcoming exhibit on October 13th at the Cordovan Art School located in Cedar Park at 200 Buttercup Creek – our very own Crystal Falls resident social hoted through Life in the Falls (see our Community Corner: Neighborhood Socials page!). Their work can also be viewed on their website: [www.MonicaandJack.com](http://www.MonicaandJack.com)

The cover photo is one of Monica's pen & ink drawings called In the Hood which is her interpretation of the Grand Mesa neighborhood. Fine ar reproductions are available at [MonicaandJack.com](http://MonicaandJack.com).

We are fortunate to have such wonderful and talented neighbors such as the Puryears in Crystal Falls. They help make this great community that much more interesting!



Would you like to introduce your family to your neighbors? If so, drop us an email and get on the schedule! Profiles are booking fast and already into the summer of 2018!