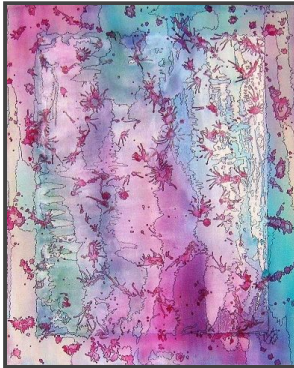




## Drawn to Cleveland

Interview with [Cindy I. Smith](#)

*Squeegee Abstract Artist and Structural Draftsman/Designer*

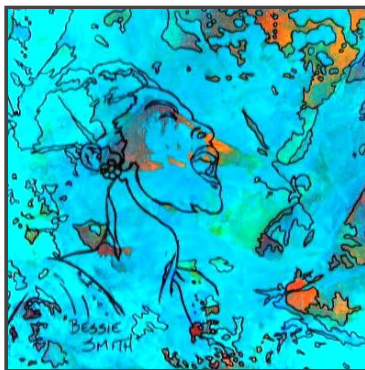


I am a self-taught artist who has always drawn and painted on anything I could get my hands on. I have experimented with many surfaces ranging from canvas to gourds.

My inspirations and ideas primarily come from nature, surroundings and peoples' aura,

personalities and favorite colors. Native American artwork has always intrigued me with their motifs.

The process of laying multiple colors of paint down on a surface and then using a squeegee to remove and add colors is very freeing and ends up being abstract.



The line work that I incorporate in my paintings are organic and path like. My line work is applied on top of the abstract, a tension is formed that pulls them together.

I was raised in Southern Illinois (near the Shawnee National Forest) and moved to Southern Indiana where I lived for 23 years. This is where my two sons were born and raised. In 2007 I had a job transfer to Cleveland, Ohio. I am currently residing in a live/work studio at 1400 East 30th Street near downtown. I have found out something about

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myself that I find intriguing, I love living out in the middle of the woods or right smack in the middle of a city.

**May 22, 2015**

## **Tower Press Artists Take Over**

### **RedSpace!**



The artists of Tower Press will be staging an exhibition at Red Space Gallery, inside the Hotcards world headquarters at E. 24th and Superior Ave. in downtown Cleveland. The exhibition will feature recent work from 16 artists with studios at Tower Press.

The group show will be curated by Dana Depew. Depew owned and operated Asterisk Gallery, in Tremont from 2001-2009. The Asterisk Gallery became one of Cleveland's top destinations for cutting edge art.



**May 22 - Opening reception and curator conversation from 5pm - 9pm.**

**Enjoy Visual Art, Film and Performance, all produced by the Tower Press Artists. Light snacks and drinks will be served. Papa Nicks' food truck "Calzone Zone" will be parked onsite.**

### ***Artists Looking for Space***

- **Costume Designer/Photographer** wants to receive information on the cluster housing project for artist ownership.
- **Landscape architect** moving from the suburbs - looking for a live/work space.
- **Artist** looking for a work-only space on the city's west side.
- **Sculptor**, returning to Cleveland from Brooklyn, needs a studio space with a large elevator and doorway into the studio.

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Lilly Horvat ([lillyDaMom@aol.com](mailto:lillyDaMom@aol.com))

**Tower Press** [\(216\) 241-4069](tel:2162414069)

**Tyler Village**

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(New) Sam Cahill [\(216\) 410-5554](tel:2164105554) Sublet 100 sq. ft.  
work-only



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**ArtSpace-Cleveland's** mission is to connect artists with studio spaces to live, work and create in a vibrant artist community in the City of Cleveland.