

Artist Statement

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Apollo and the Muses are apt archetypes for the creative energies that have been embedded in human experience since time began. Appropriate to our current situation, Apollo is not only the god of sun and light, music and poetry, but also of healing and plagues! He is an embodiment of a complete, whole person who is healthy in mind, body and spirit. As an artist and teacher of high school students I particularly relate to Apollo's connection to the arts as well as his concern with the health and education of youth and overseeing their passage to adulthood...I practice both of these daily in my classroom. Creative inspiration...the Muses, is something I also talk about with my students and have spent a life cultivating in the studio as well as in my participatory art projects. The idea of "flow", an optimal experience that can be described by the Greek word, "autotelic", meaning an activity that is rewarding in and of itself, is a valuable concept that promotes creative process and concept generation.