**Thu-Nhi Nguyen-Petit**

***Artist Statement***

French born Vietnamese, I am an emerging mixed media artist based in New York.

The creative part of me was dormant for two decades - it “hibernated” and life set me on an alternate, albeit meaningful and fulfilling, path. Recently, through intentional and profound introspective work, I have finally reconnected with that part of myself.

Although my original interest in art was figure drawing, these days I love experimenting with mixed media and collage, which I find less exacting and truly freeing. I run with a rough idea as a jump off point, then let colors and shapes guide me and I solve “problems” along the way. Both in life and on paper, I strongly believe in serendipity.

Currently, I am drawn to the organic juxtaposition of muted landscapes and vibrant flora, and enjoy inventing whimsical natural environments as a means to escape the technology-driven world that we live in.