



***Artist, Author, Academic.....On search for all the connections in life!***

## ARTISTS STATEMENT

Tibetan's believe that our spirit can be contained in the circle representing both our outer and inner life. This idea haunts me. So does the fact that our entire set of experiences are only bubbles in time, which, like waves on a shore, are quickly washed away.

The goal of my work is to build connections. For me life is about determining those connections, to ourselves, to others, to beauty, love and inspiration -These are the threads that cut across my entire oeuvre, both artistic and academic.

To achieve that goal and to facilitate the making of art fast enough to keep up with my ideas and curiosity I moved from drawings, to collage, then to oil overlaid on digital collage. Most images are finished as high-quality digital prints on canvas, overpainted in oil. I also experiment with other types of print, framed under glass. Most have hand drawn elements to augment and personalize the work.

## ARTISTS PROFILE

Dr Alana James earned a Bachelor of Fine Art from the University of Colorado in 1976. Her first major exhibitions were in the United States and centered around her "Panty Quilt" made for rock star Frank Zappa, premiering in 1983. She moved to Ireland in 2003 where she pursued her research into educational leadership in a digital age. Dr James is happy to merge these experiences in her art, focusing on life on two continents and across different contexts.