

Cynthia Hellyer Heinz

Biography

Cynthia Hellyer Heinz is an artist and educator with a BFA from Pratt Institute and an MFA from Northern Illinois University where she has been teaching drawing for the last twenty-five years. Her background is in the field of illustration and drawing with an emphasis on the biology of nature and the body. Cynthia's work has been exhibited and published nationally. She is concentrating on the connection between what is culturally seen as beautiful and the underlying sustainable mystery that is filled with creative potential through the imagination.

As an educator, Cynthia is focusing on the development of synergistic use between art making, significant learning, and the relevance of creative expression and invention. She has been a board member of the Illinois Higher Arts Association and past Vice President of Development for Integrative Teaching International. For the past seven years Cynthia has been studying Jungian psychology at the Chicago Jungian Institute where she was a Fellow and is part of programing. The incorporation of Jung's ideas is part of her mandala work and teaching. Cynthia is dedicated to the empowerment of students through acknowledging their strengths and promoting ongoing passion for innovative thinking through diligent, joyful practice.