



D Nina Cruz

The tree has always been with me. A steadfast companion no matter where life takes me. My work of over 30 years has culminated into an original method and technique with wood stain. This signature approach uses stain as a fine art medium. Whether a live-edge slab or building something, wood is my canvas.

Finding the perfect slab is a process. I use high quality mills. Preparing the slabs takes care and time. Each one demands something different. In this process I think and imagine the life it lived out as a tree and my stewardship to add more years to its destiny.

Human and natural subjects hold the most interest for me. My work asks the viewer to reconsider something. It could be views on beauty, giving, or the human condition. Whatever it is, the work is asking them to unpack it and reexamine what it might mean to them.

This work is a passion. It has uncovered a trail in my life that started before I could even walk. I'm happy it led me here.

STATEMENT



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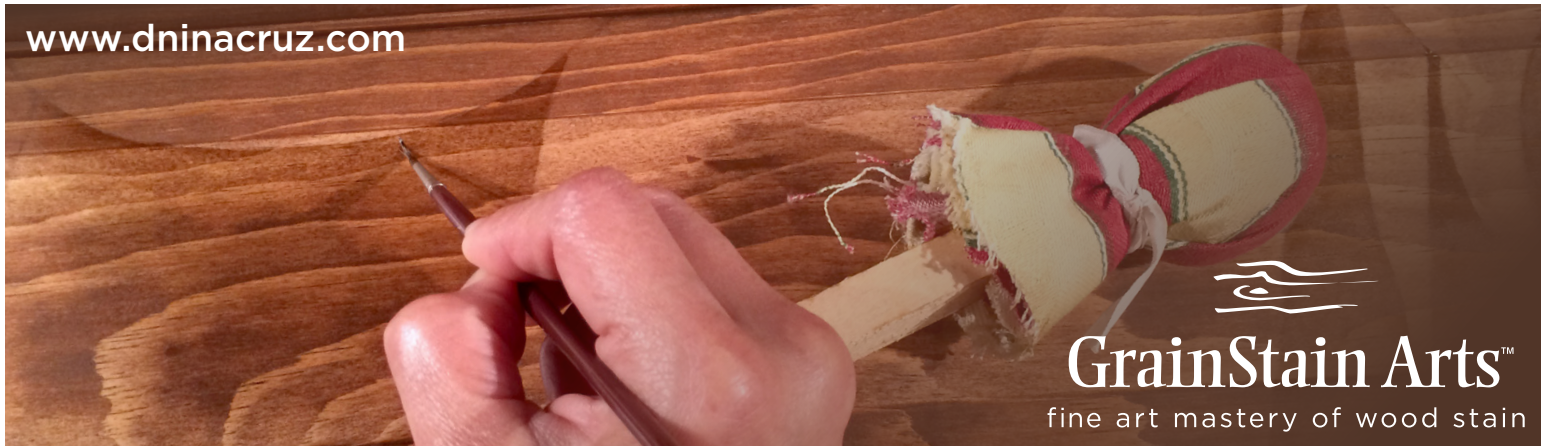
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fine art mastery of wood stain

EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Solo Exhibition, "the new BLACK —VOLUNTEERISM", ArtsQuest at SteelStacks, Bethlehem, PA
- 2017 Group Exhibition, "Member's Show", Link9, New York NY
- 2014 Group Exhibition, "The Art of the Flower", Philadelphia Sketch Club, Philadelphia PA
- 2014 Group Show (all media), "To Plaid or Not to Plaid Exhibition", The Gallery at St. John's, Easton PA
- 2014 Group Show, "Member's Art Exhibition", Artsbridge Group, Lambertville NJ
- 2007 Solo Show, "The Open Door" Paula at Rigoletto, Weehawken NJ
- 1994 Group Exhibition, "Alumni Show" Paier College of Art, Hamden CT
- 1989 Solo Show, "Senior Exhibition" Connecticut National Bank, Meriden CT

AWARDS

- 2015 Winner; Minwax® "Fan of the Month" Dec Wood Stain on wood
- 2014 Honorable Second Place; "To Plaid or Not to Plaid" (all media) Graphite and Watercolour
- 2014 Spirit of Plaid award; "To Plaid or Not to Plaid" (all media) Watercolour
- 2012 Second Place; ArtBuzz Annual Volume, Oil category



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