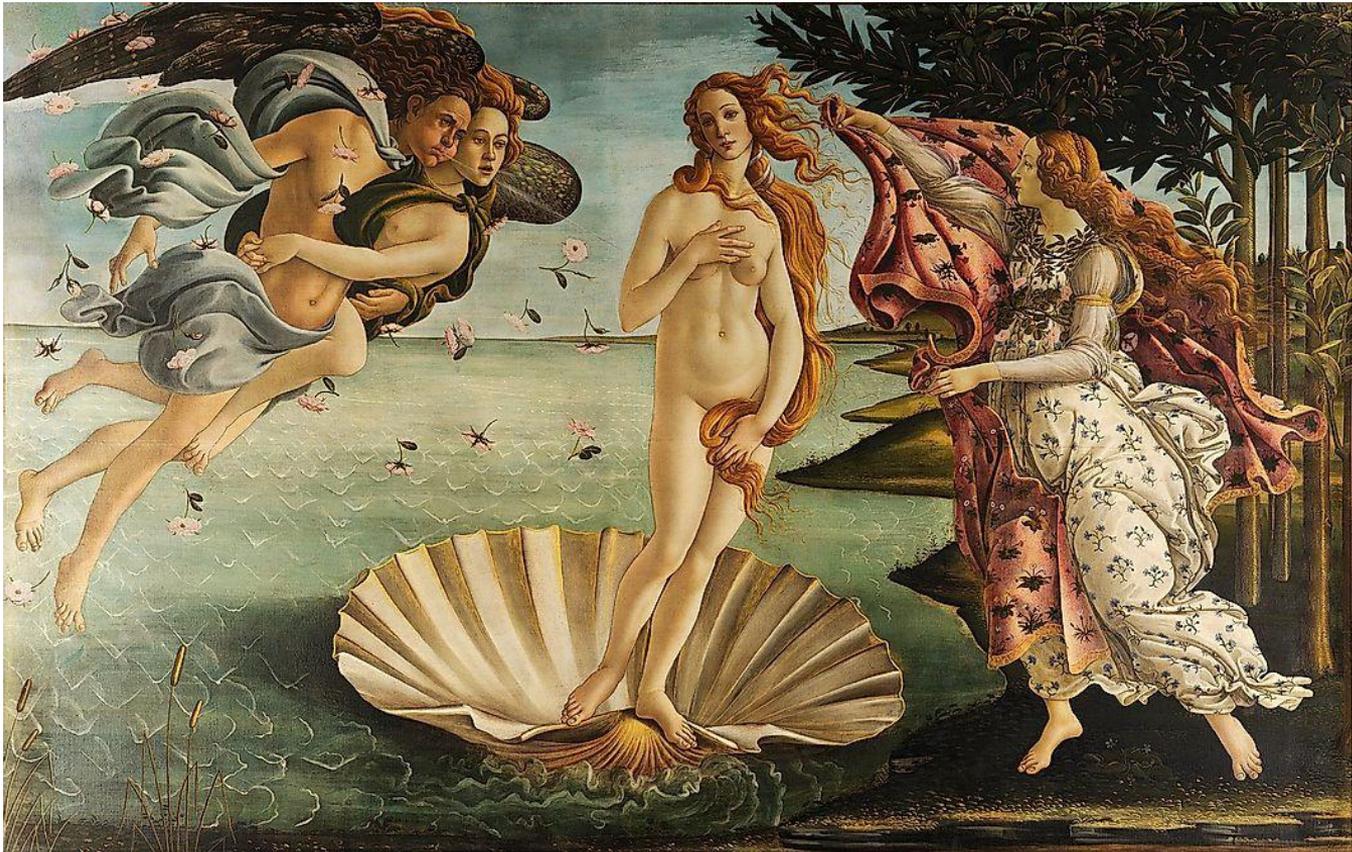


Judith Ann Durkin

By [Tim Girvin](#), 1978



**Yep...
time
for the
cell phone
conversation.**



If nothing else, at least click on the link below-Google has brought the world an entirely new way of interpreting artists and their materials (paints, canvas, etc)

[The Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh](#)

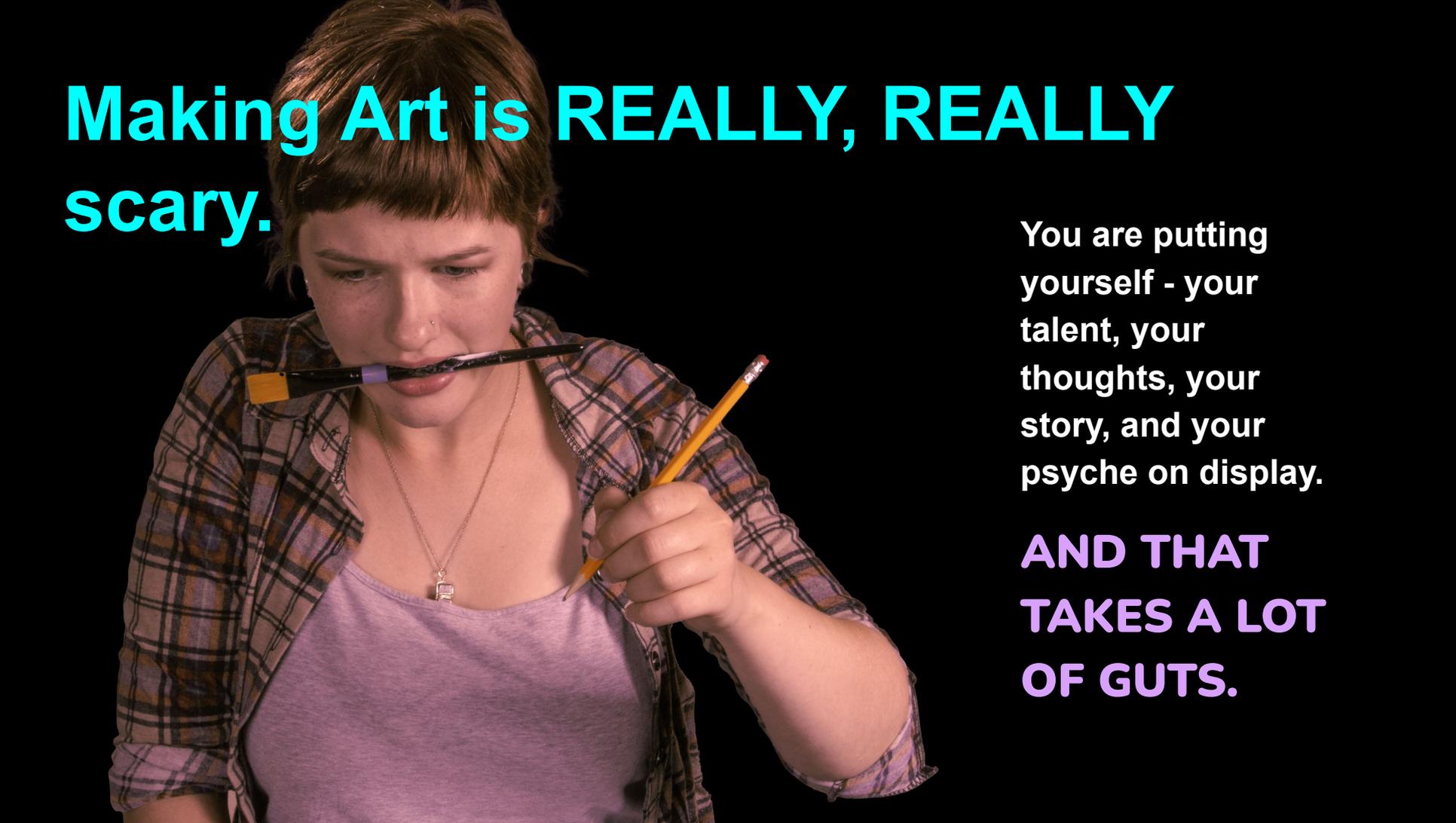
Every work of art tells a story and stories help us make sense of our own circumstances.

- Our Past
- Our Present
- Our Future

You kinda, gotta trust me on this one...it seems stupid, but looking at art sharpens your eye, and helps you visually perceive things around you, not just art. Plus! Everyone who ever lived on this planet is connected through common emotions- art helps you realize this in a peaceful, thoughtful way.

Why look at Art?





**Making Art is REALLY, REALLY
scary.**

**You are putting
yourself - your
talent, your
thoughts, your
story, and your
psyche on display.**

**AND THAT
TAKES A LOT
OF GUTS.**

NEVER **Never**

NEVER EVER

NEVER!

Never ridicule, joke,
or make ANY disparaging
remark about ANY of your
fellow artists or their work.

NEVER

**You are graded on your
effort**

NOT YOUR TALENT.

*So, what's
the secret
to getting
an A?*

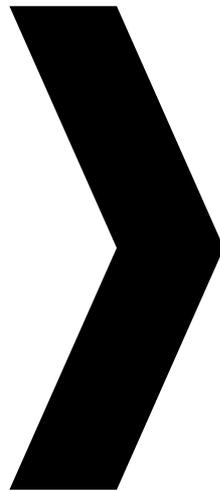
Give EVERY assignment your BEST EFFORT.

try

Want to quickly trash your grade?

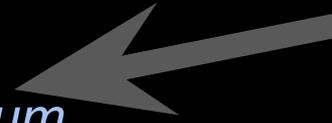


**CLEAN UP
AFTER
YOURSELF**



**Or
else...**

The good news is... *I will probably be making art alongside you because I too, am in a never-ending quest to find the perfect medium for my ever-changing views & voice.* **Because...** **when you stop practicing your art (art, design, photography, music, architecture, sewing, crafts) you gradually lose that accuracy and skill. All artistic endeavors are a lifelong quest/obsession that truly bring peace and satisfaction to one's life.**



In other words, you will get to see me screw-up a lot, which is always a good thing in a classroom -- at least for you.

So, I signed-up to play with paper and paint...what's with the "life-quest baloney?"

The return for your effort?

- You will realize that you actually have some skills!
- You will learn the value of art: in understanding history, and its continual role in visually articulating our world.

E-V-E-R-Y-O-N-E, with **effort**, can become a **good** artist. TRULY.
I CAN TELL YOU STORIES. JUST ASK ME.

The End.

Whew!