



OUACHITA ARTISTS
Gallery & Studio

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Charisse Gostevsky



Charisse spent part of her childhood in Florida and Oregon, most of her adult years. Coming from a deep southern background Charisse feels most at home when she is in the south, living a laid-back country life or enjoying the coast. While starting her career in nursing she realized soon she felt more intrigued and passionate about teaching and building family relationships. She feels everyone deserves an opportunity and education. The belief that children, families and humans should be treated equally in their many walks of life & have guidance in understanding the importance of foundational learning in a human's life drove her to work in the field of child development. Attending college in Oregon and studying for her master's degree in this field taught her

many skills to serve her community. Charisse was involved in an array of workshops, coaching, and involved with Nike HQ to better serve families professionally.

Yearning to invest in more properties, her businesses, become an author, travel & take a little more time for herself, she put her family work career on the back burner with hope this passion is ignited again someday! Living in a small town helped her find the peace she was seeking. She has developed creative passion in her brands due to her appreciation for learning, connecting, and business. She is currently involved in a revival of historic buildings in Mt Ida and a city project to help bring a little more opportunity to all. She envisions the theme of an art and culture chain free small town while holding retrospect for the founding generations of families and native people. Mt Ida's rolling hills filled with crystals and geological wonder is a great place to be! She enjoys traveling, writing for papers, and enjoys visiting seniors at the local assisted living center with her miniature schnoodle dog, Opal. Charisse's motivation and determination is greatly inspired by the message of the Holy Trinity. Charisse loves a good story, especially if it's told by a traditional Arkansas ol' bluegrass song!

Though an avid art collector and admirer of artists, fascino by fashion, a frequenter of museums, history, and architecture fancier, she didn't always have the time to practice her own art. She is beginning to learn and explore her personal art skills in oil paint, watercolor paint, and pottery. The reggio emilia style of child development has inspired her passion for creating provocations in learning about nature which is healing and therapeutically grounding. She hopes her art can inspire appreciation for the environment. Her husband is a contractor with a business major and works side by side with her restoration projects. She enjoys creating workshops at the gallery in nature-based crafts. If not at the gallery, you'll often find her crafting up culinarily in the kitchen, fostering kittens, enjoying nature, gardening or out in the community finding a way to serve! Sometimes in a dusty ol' building envisioning the next plan for it!