## **PENLAND** GALLERY

MARK FLOWERS Alexander, NC

PAINTING | Mixed media

Penland Affiliation | Former Penland student, Penland visiting artist

**Artist Information** | Studio artist; education: MFA Western Michigan University, BFA University of South Carolina; exhibitions: Satellite Art Gallery (NC), Sims Art Center (Brevard College, NC), Pink Dog Creative Gallery (NC), ifART Gallery (SC), Relocated Image (Satellite Gallery, NC), Redemption & Grace, National Competition EBD4Arts Center (GA) publications: Asheville MADE Magazine

**Artist Statement** | I have always made use of painting to understand my relationship with the world. My works are stories – small insights and reflections of my experiences. In seeking meaning in the world, I am sharing my story in hopes of making common connections with others.

My work has many layers; formally, it is about shape, objective, and non-objective imagery existing in the same field. The interaction of image, shape, and surface appeals to me. Conceptually, they are telling small stories of insight. I see my work as visual poetry making sense of the world around me.

Technical Information | Narrative, wood, collage, found objects

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