



### Lori Antoinette - Chair #8

A graduate of Fine Art from the University of Maryland, College Park, Lori started out as an oil painter predominantly, later switching to acrylics. She spent 30 years enjoying world travel while working for international airlines, at the same time keeping both hands in the arts. She was in a Los Angeles area art collective and co-owned a downtown gallery, studied textile design, and had her own wearable arts business.

When she discovered chalk on the ground at the first Pasadena (CA) Chalk Festival in 1993, it was love at first chalk, adopting her motto, "Have Chalk, Will Travel!"

Now a full time artist, she has really gone full steam into developing her art career to include wall murals, public art, paint parties and portraiture as well as developing partnerships with other talented artists. She recently started a social group showcasing her chalk family called Chalk Mafia. It's been quite a journey, but that's the best part!

Life is always a work in progress...create on... Find Lori at [www.LAntArt.com](http://www.LAntArt.com); [LantArt@gmail.com](mailto:LantArt@gmail.com).

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### James T. Johnson - Chair #9

James T. Johnson, Jamie to his friends, was born in the summer of 1968. It was a humble beginning, born in a tent in the forests of Bonanza, Oregon. As soon as he was able to hold a crayon, he began drawing imaginative and fantastical things. Inspired by his father's love of Science Fiction, he developed a love of reading, and a determination to draw the amazing worlds and cosmic voyages that developed in his imagination.

Gathering to himself a group of like minded friends, James was inspired to improve his drawing skills. He would meet with other geeks everyday throughout his high school years, to share tips, compare drawings, and study the works of illustrators that they admired. Among the artists that James admires are Michael Whelan, Frank Frazetta, Tim and Greg Hildebrandt, and added to this list is one of the high school geeks that he drew with, Jerry Vanderstelt.

James eventually settled in Lancaster, and has taken classes with nearly every art instructor at Antelope Valley College. He is continually working to improve his skills in illustration, portraiture, oil painting, and his first love, drawing. In recent years, James has realized that he has a knack and a love for teaching art to others. He feels that he has come full circle, from needing an art teacher, to having several good art teachers, to becoming one himself. He currently assists in a weekly life drawing session at Antelope Valley Community Art Gallery.



### Michelle Navarete - Chair #10

Born in Northridge, CA in 1983, my family moved to the Antelope Valley in 1989. My interest in art cannot be traced back to an origin, because I've been creating for as long as I can remember.

My Mother is also an artist and crafter, which lent itself to me exploring many mediums at an early age. When I was around nine, I drew pictures at home and sold them at school. Around the age of 14, I began sculpting small figures of pin up models and sold those to collectors.

As I grew up, arts, crafts, and music were my home. I began showcasing in art galleries when I was 18 and have been doing it ever since. In 2008-2017 I hosted the longest running open mic night in the AV, and I began curating art during that time. I'm currently directing the Antelope Valley Community Art Gallery, alongside some wonderful local Artisans.