



Steve and Kris Loya – May Flowers, A Tribute Exhibit for Artist Kris Loya

During the spring of 2020, Steve Loya and his wife Kris Loya collaborated on a series of spring-themed Splotch Monsters as a way to cheer people up who were stuck at home and worried about the pandemic. While Steve made the monsters, which began as watercolor paint splotches, Kris embellished them with her trademark watercolor-based florals and plants. The series, called Stop and Smell the Flowers was so popular, all twenty originals sold out in less than an hour when they were available for purchase online. In 2021, Kris and Steve made another similar series of twenty called May Flowers, and like the first batch, they proved to be quite popular and delighted so many people. In October of 2021, Kris was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer, which would claim her life in December, just two days before her 41st birthday. Since then, Steve has been working hard to honor his beloved wife by celebrating her life and her work, and will continue to let the world know about Kris' art - which remains a reflection of her kind, loving, and vibrant spirit. This exhibit is also called May Flowers, because Kris loved May for a multitude of reasons, and it is a collection of archival prints from both the 2020 and 21 series. Steve hopes that you will enjoy looking at them as much as he and Kris enjoyed creating them together.