## **Artist Statement**

## M. Peifer

I have been in such an intense period of creative hibernation for the past several years. My passion became my work, and my work put my passion to sleep. I didn't even realize it happened, as it happened slowly--yet right before my eyes.

Throughout the pandemic though, as work dwindled, I have felt my creative mind start to thaw, and reemerge. I have felt intense craving to awake, and to grow. It's like an old friend coming back into my life, one I hadn't realized I missed as much as I did--yet, one who is as familiar as ever. Much like the earth explodes with life each spring, my mind is doing much the same these days.

These works are not my newest. They are, however, where I seemed to stop a long time ago. With the theme of this exhibit, they are also where I'm beginning. spring has returned after a long period of being frozen, as have I.