

## About Us

Hummingbird Lane has been said to be the "largest collection of acquirable artwork in North Georgia." We're proud to present the latest works of over 190 artists, with about 85% local to the Southeast area. Todd and Amy Strickland, owners, work closely with the artists to consistently provide a wonderful collection of woodworkers, photographers, painters, potters, glass workers and more.

Our focus is to bring our customers surprises around every corner. With over 4,000 square feet of space upstairs in historic Hall's Block on the Square in beautiful downtown Dahlonega, we encourage our artists to bring us the best of their best, and everyone agrees: they do just that! Visit our photo gallery for some of the latest collections! Artwork arrives nearly daily, so come visit us often.

We'd like to take a moment to tell you all about us - how we acquired Hummingbird Lane Art Gallery, and what it means to us. Todd and I have been so fortunate, and our blessings are many. Our acquisition of Hummingbird Lane was a natural progression of our lives together, but after seeing the gallery, many people ask how the acquisition came about. Todd wrote up the story for you to enjoy here.

The story of our acquisition of Hummingbird Lane Art Gallery began a few years ago with discussions of how we would like our future to look and how we wanted to spend the rest of our lives. After many ideas (some good and some not as good) we ultimately decided that we wanted to own our own business and be our own bosses, so we chose to keep our minds and eyes open for the eventual opportunity that would lead us down our chosen path of business ownership.

Since we moved to Dawsonville in the year 2000, we frequently visited Dahlonega to make the rounds and visit the shops and restaurants, all wonderfully unique and inviting in their own way, but we always favored Hummingbird Lane as our "must see" for every visit. The quaint charm of the old building (Hall's Block) as well as the amazing art pieces provided us with the ultimate "Dahlonega vibe" which we could not resist tapping into whether it was just the two of us, or whether we were entertaining "out-of-town" family and friends.

As luck would have it, Amy and I were visiting Dahlonega on January 8, 2006. After making a beeline to Hummingbird Lane, Amy and I went our separate ways to view anything new that Camerone Malloy (the owner at the time) had obtained since our last visit. There I was, minding my own business, when Amy called me over to the counter where she was talking to Cam. She had this strange but excited look on her face as she announced to me, "Hummingbird Lane is for sale".

Unfortunately we were unable to visit any other shops on the square that day because we IMMEDIATELY raced home to discuss our ability to pursue making Hummingbird Lane ours.

Regardless of what belief system you subscribe to that would enable you to define the synchronicity involved in our visit that particular day, we saw it as a universal sign that our opportunity had finally "come-a-knockin".

Our acquisition of Hummingbird Lane occurred without incident and we were embraced with open arms by the whole community; merchants and regular customers alike and were open for business as the new owners by the first day of March 2006.

I believe a big part of the history, reputation and allure that Hummingbird Lane has enjoyed for the past 16 years is due to Camerone Malloy who started the business gathering artist, art and art lovers from all over North Georgia and molded the gallery into a grand piece of art in and of itself.

We committed to Cam to maintain the atmosphere she created that made Hummingbird Lane great; only to add a few of our own distinct touches...or as Amy so perfectly put it... "make it "wiggle" a little bit"...

Please come and visit us at Hummingbird Lane next time you're in Dahlonega, GA. We would love to meet you. Whether you buy that piece of art that jumps out and grabs you or if you just want to browse, you'll definitely get to experience, first hand, the creative spirit that resides here...and it's ok if you "wiggle a little bit".

- Todd Strickland