

Deep Healing-- Ruth Gourdine, Artist

"I am a Black female artist and a part of the fifth generation of Geechee people from South Carolina.

Geechee culture is known for its art, and being raised with this background has given me a world of strength as an artist. My work connects visually with my Geechee heritage while nurturing a close relationship to nature.

I've always believed in the power of images to uplift the human spirit. With my project "Deep Healing" I've continued this engagement with a higher source, as if the contours of my surface were leading me to a place of divine consciousness.

As long as I can remember I have had pencils, pens, and brushes in my hand to make the pictures that constantly flow in my mind. Even when I didn't have access to these supplies as a child, I would simply take a stick and draw into the earth. When I was six or seven, my parents gave me a water color set. By the time I was ten I was doing oil painting. Art showed me a path to personal empowerment and this drive to produce has transported me into a world full of love. This is my greatest satisfaction as an artist...



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Paintings by Ruth Gourdine

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