



Turning Points Artist Talk

“Every creative endeavor we have experienced from childhood forward has planted the seeds we are reaping the artistic harvest from today...” *Robyn Ryan, Artist, VA*

“Can I just be honest? Creativity is a gift. It’s a gift to all of us. Whether you consider yourself creative or not, you express in some creative way no matter your roles in daily life. We receive creatively because it is how we are designed. Creativity just makes life richer. Draw, sing, dance, make, live, dream, rest, work,... creativity is a beautiful layer in our everyday and I am grateful.” *Tina Lawver, Artist, PA*

We are all Creatives! With these quotes in mind, I encourage you to apply the approach presented in this “Turning Points” Artist Talk to your own creative journey no matter what stage you find yourself in with your art!

I focus the creative “turning points” covered in this Artist Talk from when I was ready to “go public” with my art to present day... I have many other creative “turning points” that precede and accompany what I chose to present here that form the basis and context for me as an artist and the artwork I create!

I bring this up to encourage you to survey your own creative endeavors throughout your life in order to recognize 1) YOU ARE a creative being and 2) the what, when, where, how, and why related to your creative and artistic “turning points” are an important foundation for your unique artistic identity.

Enjoy the journey,

Turning
Points

with Robyn Ryan

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Your Guide:

Robyn Ryan is a painter, sculptor, and art instructor working from her studio in beautiful Fauquier County, Virginia. She focuses on celebrating life through her creations. Horses, wildlife, and nature are her most frequent subjects.

Ryan's paintings explore both representational as well as less-objective abstractions employing a range of water-based and mixed media. Her refined and realistic bronze sculptures focus on celebrating the energy and "presence" of her equine subjects captured in candid moments.

Ryan's artwork is characterized by her use of color, texture, and physical dimensionality. She is drawn to the tactile aspects of her media; the flow of the pigment and water, the building of physical textures, and creating three dimensional pieces. Her focus is on conveying the idea, impression, feeling or "essence" the subject represents to her vs. description alone.

She is an enthusiastic and encouraging instructor who seeks to instill confidence and equip her students with the knowledge, tools, and techniques to achieve their artistic goals.

Your Itinerary:

This talk is organized to not only share Robyn's own "Turning Points" story highlighted with numerous artwork examples, but to also provide an approach or framework for you to reflect and capture your own "Turning Points". The talk, this handout, and additional free resources are all intended to support you in appreciating and sharing your own artistic journey.

A Note From Robyn:

I've been looking forward to making this presentation and providing a basis for my fellow artists to reflect and capitalize on their own creative histories and experiences.

In sharing several "Turning Points" of my own artistic journey and discoveries, I hope to inspire you ...

... To ponder your own artistic journey (no matter how long or short) and adopt the practice of finding the "pearl's", "take-aways", and "aha's" you yourself have gleaned at each artistic "intersection" along the way ...

... Providing fertile ground from which to build your own toolbox and tell your unique artistic story!

I've prepared this handout for your personal use and enjoyment to jumpstart capturing your own creative journey and "Turning Points".



Turning Points ~ Notes

The following format should be useful for capturing the key points from this talk providing you an idea of how to capture your own Turning Points when you characterize your own artistic journey.

Types of Turning Points:

Turning Point #1 – Animal Portraits

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #2 – Watercolor Mastery

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #3 – Painting In Series

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #4 – Bronze Sculptures

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #5 – Going Flat

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:



Turning Points ~ Notes

Turning Point #6 – Integration & Motifs

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #7 – Idea First

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #8 – Dimensionality

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #9 – Idea Evolution

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #10 – Go Really Deep

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #11 – Next In Line

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

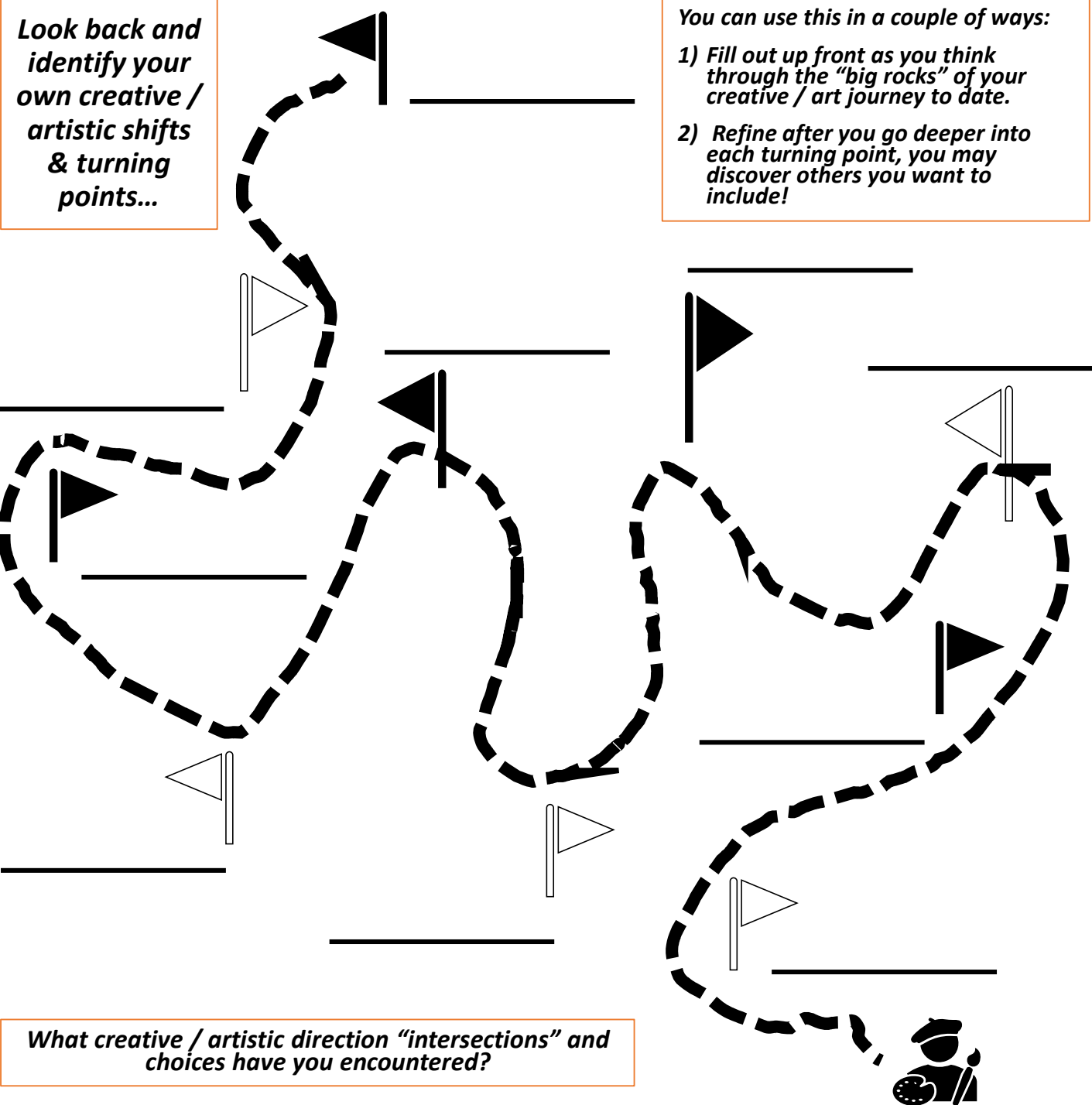
Aha's:



Your Own Artistic Journey Map

Look back and identify your own creative / artistic shifts & turning points...

You can use this in a couple of ways:
1) Fill out up front as you think through the "big rocks" of your creative / art journey to date.
2) Refine after you go deeper into each turning point, you may discover others you want to include!



What creative / artistic direction "intersections" and choices have you encountered?

Progressing Through Distinct Shifts & Discoveries...



Your Own Turning Points

Characterize each significant “Shift” or “Turning Point”

- **Name** it (a key discovery, a series of artwork, etc.)
- Label what **Type** of Turning Point it is
- Identify what **motivated** you to pursue this new direction
- **Describe** what change you implemented
- Record any **discoveries** or “aha’s” associated with the shift

Turning Point #1:

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha’s:

Turning Point #2 :

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha’s:



Your Own Turning Points

Turning Point #3:

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #4:

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #5:

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:



Your Own Turning Points

Turning Point #6:

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #7:

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #8:

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:



Your Own Turning Points

Turning Point #9:

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Turning Point #10:

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

Aha's:

Where Do You Want To Go Next?

Type:

Motivation:

Description:

If you enjoy this program and want to dig deeper into exploring your own Turning Points journey and learn what classes Robyn plans to offer, make sure you take advantage of these additional resources and opportunities:

- **The “Turning Points” Journal/Workbook**

***Free** guide to help walk you through the process of mapping out your own “Turning Points” journey in detail including exploring your creative beginnings, finding common threads, examine your motivations, and clarifying your artistic identity and goals.*

<https://mailchi.mp/robynryanart/turning-points-journal-workbook>

- **The “Turning Points” Live Q&A**

*Sign up for a **Free** Live online Zoom Session to follow up and discuss any part of the recorded talk, handout exercises, and Journal/Workbook discoveries. Group and 1:1 options will be available.*

<https://mailchi.mp/robynryanart/turning-points-live-q-and-a>

- **Art Classes with Robyn**

Live In-Person, Live Online, and Online Courses are being prepared, planned and scheduled. See what classes are in store and sign up for the waiting list for advance notification and early-bird registration.

<https://mailchi.mp/robynryanart/classes-more-info>

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