

Cromwell Creative District INTERVIEWS

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Born in Norwich, Tallman attended college in Maine and then moved back to Connecticut. She persisted in her love of drawing and often found herself in the company of artistic friends, the district said. One of those friends introduced her to miniature painting, a nontraditional art form that is not well-known. “There’s a whole world out there of ‘war gamers’ and ‘miniature collectors’ who commission work from Jen. Of all the work she does, this commission work is her favorite,” the release said.

Tallman loves bringing other people’s ideas to life, the district said. At the moment, she does this primarily through miniature and model painting, but she has done simple CAD design/digital sculpture for 3D printing and canvas/surface painting. She’s painted for gift shops and various sculptors. One commission, which included Harry Potter figures, involved working with an artist for Disney and Warner Brothers.

When asked, “What influences the work you create?” Tallman shared that since her work is mostly commission, it’s guided by the imagination of her customers, but when she’s given freedom on a design she pulls references from nature and other works of art. Sometimes it’s other miniature painters or video games. “Sometimes I just throw paint at a mini until it tells me what to do,” she said.

The artist continues to strive for a life where she can create and enjoy her day-to-day existence. Having commissions, a full desk, and her 3D printers humming brings her joy, the release said. Making money is a goal, but her greatest reward is receiving a grateful response from an excited customer.

“What I do and how I got here is a long story full of key people who have helped me along the way,” Tallman said. “My art and knowledge base has evolved a lot over the years, and it’s not finished doing so. I love to learn new things and eventually want to teach others.”

She is always a willing volunteer, and recently hung her work on the rail of the police station, a heart she created to thank first responders.

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