

## **Mary D. Ott**

### Artist Statement

I create art to convey my sense of beauty to others.

I am a painter and a printmaker with my own point of view. Design and color are paramount in my work.

I have developed a style of abstract painting that comprises squiggly lines on a color field rather than two-dimensional images. Most of the lines are vertical; some are diagonal. Although some paintings resemble fields of grass, all are essentially nonrepresentational.

Many of my prints are monotypes, including those I create using inked ornamental grasses as stencils.

I create nonrepresentational etchings. Some of these etchings resemble my paintings, composed of curved lines on a solid field of color.

My representational prints include etchings, lithographs, screen prints, and photogravures. These are based on digital photos that I adjust to obtain a subtle interplay of light and dark. Many of these images are arboreal.