Ink Images
with Mimi Botscheller

Mimi’s work is created by using fragments of the moment and imagination in a process driven by intuition and laws of chance connections. Layers of information, layers paint, transparent layers, layers of media and layers of concept speak in different languages allowing for diverse interpretations and conclusions. By opening free play between the conscious and subconscious mind Mimi seeks fresh approaches using endless material possibilities that create unique narratives. Mimi loves the spontaneity that the ink compositions offer to spark her inner eye, guiding her on a journey of work emerging from a sea of images and abstraction.
Where will the ink take you?

Mimi’s art starts with an ink background that informs and guides the images layered on top of the ink, like the floral image blow. Now take a look at the inkblots or *Rorschach test images below.

What do you see? Does each inkblot remind you of something?

*The Rorschach test is a psychological test where a person’s perceptions of inkblots are analyzed. Some psychologists use this test to examine a person’s personality characteristics.
Materials You’ll Need:
- White paper and paint brush
- Ink, watered down paint or watercolors
- Crayons, pencils, colored pencils or markers
- Optional: glue and scissors for collage items
- For collaging you can use magazines, scrape paper, photos and small objects if you like.

How To Make Your Own Ink Image

1. Place your paper on a flat work surface. Now dip your brush in the Ink or Watery Paint and drip, splatter, move and/or pool the ink around the surface of the paper, in no particular way just let the movement of the ink take you. This is done intuitively with no predetermined outcome, just have fun! If you would like a symmetric design fold your paper in half and press each side together then separate the fold. Once you have all the ink you want dipped and painted on, lay your paper to dry.

2. While the ink is drying, examine your ink drips, blots, pools and splatters. What do you see? What does it make you feel? Are there any images you see within the ink? Does it tell a story? Does it remind you of something? Gather your ideas and write them down or sketch them

3. Once the ink is dry use your art supplies to express what the ink is telling you or what you see within the ink! Explore, have fun and remember to share you Ink Images with YAA and Mimi.
*If you don’t have paint at home or prefer not to get messy you can use this inkblot to color images on top.