

**Lori Bradford** is a mixed media artist who never gets bored making art because what she does is always changing and evolving. One week she could be painting flowers and the next week she may be picking leaves to use to eco dye fabric and then will turn that fabric into hand-stitched art journals. Since she started raising chickens they have started to turn up in her art and she is having great fun making wonky portraits.

As a young girl, Lori loved to color, sew cloths for her dolls and make beaded necklaces. Over the years she has been a wheat straw weaver, spun and weaved wool, broke tiles and glass for mosaic art, grew and dried flowers and turned them into beautiful wreaths and arrangements, owned a craft shop, painted landscapes in acrylics, dyed fabric, made pottery, she builds her own art journal books. Lori has also drawn the pages for 2 coloring books and illustrated the book "Chalk Dust". Lately she has been working with watercolor and ink. Lori never gets bored and never has enough hours in the day to create all the things fluttering around in her head.

Lori has always shared her creative energy with others by teaching. She may even tell you that she enjoys teaching art as much as creating it. Ask her if you are interested in classes, she regularly invites other artists over to work in her studio and holds Art Retreats from time to time. A highlight of her artistic career was when she was asked to travel through communities in northern Saskatchewan and teach art to the children.

When you come out to Lori's studio make sure you take a few minutes to enjoy the amazing view of the Saskatchewan River. It's right out her studio window!

Lori says *"I don't stick to one medium in my art so I was thrilled when the term Mixed Media Artist started to be popular since I have actually been that for over thirty years. I use acrylic paint, watercolors, pen, pencils, Inktense, pastels, markers, gelli plate printing, ink, collage, stitching, beading, free motion quilting, dye and have even be known to smash up a few perfectly good ceramic tiles into little pieces or cut up a lovely velvet dress all in the name of "Artfullness".*