I have been making art for many years, I have a degree in graphic communication and minored in art from EWU. While I worked in education and raised my family, my art career was on the back burner. Recently I have been able to explore botanical illustration and calligraphy. I have shown my work locally and recently sold my first prints. I have an Etsy store and sell some cards and prints there.

Artists today must have their art available for the public to view online. This does not mean people should be allowed to copy and use or change our art without our permission. The copyright Orphan Work law currently being considered is very alarming. Artist spend many hours perfecting their craft and many more hours creating special works of art. It is very important that artists retain control over how their work is used, and are fairly compensated for that. Artwork that is published is not public property. I personally have my "portfolio" on flikr. I would hate to think someone could legally take my images and use them without my knowledge or consent.

Thank you for considering the artist viewpoint on this matter.

Tori Bell - Artist