

# Design Studio Art Gallery



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**“Horse of a Different Color” new exhibit to begin September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Design Studio Art Gallery. Artist to hold an artists’ reception on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm-10pm.**

HYATTSVILLE, MD (8-17-09) – Talented local artist, Dana Ellyn, will have works from her new collection “Horse of a Different Color” on exhibit at Design Studio Art Gallery throughout the month of September. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-10pm. Ms. Ellyn will be available to discuss her work and answer questions about inspiration, meaning, and motivation at the reception. The exhibit will run from September 3<sup>rd</sup> – September 29<sup>th</sup>

Dana Ellyn's solo exhibition, "Horse of a Different Color" is a collection of recent paintings created in response to her reflections on life, childhood, and her pursuit of artistic success. Ellyn sees life like that of a child riding a **carousel**... Will she get to sit on the most colorful pony? Will her parents acknowledge her every time she passes them? Will all of the carousel's ups and downs make her dizzy? Regardless, when she gets off the ride, she will have ended up exactly where she started, just like everybody else. But in her life, Dana Ellyn has chosen a horse of a different color.

One that is able to jump off the spinning platform and pursue a destination all her own.



Dana Ellyn is a DC resident and full-time painter who lives and paints in her studio in a subsidized artist housing unit in downtown Washington, DC. Dana committed herself to full-time status in 2002 when she decided to leave her corporate job and pursue painting. Her work is exemplified by a risk-taking vision, strong content, and colorful critiques of social mores. Dana values her fine arts training but now works on peeling away the art school compulsion to make, and hide behind, pretty pictures.



## About Design Studio Art Gallery

Art, in any medium, is paramount to gaining a better understanding of the world in which we share and live. Art keeps us healthy, art retells the past and acts as a teacher, and art captures the emotion, the spirit, and the energy of the moment and essentially of life. With an emphasis on promoting and supporting the arts, Design Studio Art Gallery became the perfect vehicle to deliver the message that the arts are still alive and still essential to social, cultural, and personal advancement. Creativity is never underestimated, never taken for granted, and always welcomed!

Design Studio Art Gallery was established in 2008. It is owned and operated by two Interior Designers, Erica Riggio and Nancy Evans. Both designers are committed to advancing the arts. Mrs. Evans is a Professor at The George Washington University and has dedicated her life's work to education and design. Erica Riggio is a graduate from The George Washington University and has an MFA in Interior Design. Ms. Riggio and Mrs. Evans both own their own design firms as well.

The gallery is located in Hyattsville's new Arts District at 5702 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20781. To arrange a viewing by appointment, please call (301) 927-4938 or (202) 446-7373.

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