

# NEVA MIKULICZ

## ARTIST STATEMENT

When looking through old photographs I notice that they fall into categories: people and their cars, people and their dogs, etc. One of the more popular categories is that of pretty girls and sometimes not so pretty girls. I feel that these woman stare longingly back at me as if wishing to not be forgotten in time. Therefore, in order to prevent them from disappearing altogether, I bring them to life again through my art.

With a little retouching, some spotlighting and a lot of story-telling, these women are reanimated from the Americana past world they once lived in. As these women can now come alive in the present, I portray myself in the past as the inanimate babe. A World War II B-17 bomber, *Neva, The Silver Lady*, caught my eye in the midst of my "nose art" research. Immediately identifying with this plane, I couldn't help but to include her in *They All Wore Pearls*.