



Art wear by D. Hardin



What is a CopperSignature?

The CopperSignatures brand is eclectic bohemian-styled art wear for the multi-dimensional client. A collection of work from minimal to couture that can be combined to create a grand statement piece. Make a statement without saying a word.

CopperSignatures is a visual testimony that began as self-prescribed art therapy during the “meantime experience” of waiting on the transplant list for a new heart. Dealing with appointments, hospital visits, 24 hour I.V., in home nurse visits to possible surgery calls; I needed to create art to keep my mind blessed and positive through this period of chaotic uncertainties. In solitude, once family was gone for the day at work and school, creating was my time to commune with God and be in good spirits when they returned home. The copper wire designs reflected the chaotic issues with my health with spirals, twists, turns reflected life’s roads traveled and choices made. The pounded texture created on the copper was an example of the bumps and cracks in life’s journey; but also, became an excellent way to release my

cantankerous frustrations! The beads or found objects helped to tell the emotion within the piece. Fused together they became sculptural art pieces that could be adorned or framed on the wall. All the elements of design are bound without the use of adhesives or fire to create a sculptured collar. From my pain, came my passion. I pledged to express my testimony of walking by faith through my gifts as an ongoing visual journal of unspeakable joy; a reusable and malleable blessing similar to copper. Copper was the metal of choice for its natural anti-inflammatory healing properties associated with circulatory issues, muscle and joint pain. Having been diagnosed with SLE Lupus in 2002, I learned copper use dates back to ancient Egypt, Greece, and Mayan civilizations to name a few. Today it is used in sports bands, vitamins, and medical bracelets. lupus; therefore, a health benefit for me as I wore my pieces. Health and Beauty all in one. Even my storms will be beautiful from now on.

*I create a copper wing in remembrance of my heart donor every year. My angel wing on my shoulder. I am a three-year transplant survivor and there is no greater love. I vow to give our testimony of how two souls share one heart and the blessing to create, love and live each day. I tend to relate to the story of the Tin Man in the Wiz. As the Tin Woman I suffered from aching joints in need of oil and needing to journey to see the WIZ (GOD) to get a new Heart. He has burned away the old and given me a new signature, a copper signature. I am grateful to share the ability to **“Make a statement without saying a word in CopperSignatures”**.*