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“Colors of My World”

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Born in Niigata, Japan, I was fortunate to grow up surrounded by natural beauty and rich cultural traditions that deeply influenced my creative journey. I studied art and education at Niigata University, where I developed a passion for both expression and teaching. Over the years, eight of my works—both paintings and sculptures—were selected for exhibition in prestigious prefecture-wide art competitions throughout Japan.

My career in public education eventually led me to join the Japanese Overseas Volunteers, Japan’s equivalent of the Peace Corps. This brought me to a remote mountain town in Honduras, where I lived and taught for two years. That experience broadened my perspective, deepened my appreciation for global cultures, and enriched my artistic voice.

Now living in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, I continue to explore the relationship between form, color, and story through painting. I divide my time between my art and teaching Japanese language and culture, finding joy in both creative solitude and community connection. My work is a reflection of my journey—cross-cultural, vibrant, and always evolving.

When I was in Japan, I often climbed mountains. A short drive would bring me to the trailhead of a snow-covered mountain range. There, hidden in the quiet shadows of steep terrain, I once came across the *himesayuri*—a delicate, quasi-endangered lily that blooms only in select mountainous areas like Niigata. I still remember its slightly downcast petals, breathtaking in their quiet grace.

I often wonder how many alpine flowers bloom and fade without ever being seen, much like the countless lives that pass without being remembered by name. Sometimes, what is truly important is whispered—spoken in tones so quiet they can hardly be heard. Even in the shadows of roadside grasses, there may be enough unseen life and quiet energy to inspire a thousand stories.

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