



Kathryn Wills  
*Frida with Thorns and a Bird*  
Assemblage  
16" x 11" x 5"  
\$1,500.00

Artists like Frida Kahlo, Henri Matisse and others never let the fires of creativity diminish in the face of adversity. By their works they give evidence of believing in the existence of something in an artist's internal makeup that goes beyond the use of just the elements and principles of art when confronted with physical or emotional challenges. To create takes discipline, perseverance, desire, enthusiasm and courage in the best of times. What is it within the spirit of an artist that keeps the creative endeavor alive when life throws the least expected? Insistence to produce even on the brink of brokenness forging ahead painting joyfully as Frida did or when Matisse could no longer paint, he tried his hand at his paper cut-outs creating some of his best-known work. Kahlo and Matisse and others like them are an immeasurable force that I find praiseworthy as I find myself navigating new waters.