

SOUTHBURY MAKERS SPOTLIGHT



Alejandra Peláez Muñoz of The Megs Artisans

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Southbury's vibrant artistic community proudly includes one of its newest talents, Alejandra Peláez Muñoz, the creative force behind The Megs Artisans. Bringing a touch of Colombian culture and sustainable beauty to her work, Alejandra was recently recognized as a finalist in Southbury's inaugural Artist of the Year Award.

About The Artist

Hailing from Medellín, Colombia, Alejandra blends family life, her professional pursuits, and a passion for art. Her creations reflect the vibrant culture of her homeland and the natural beauty of her adopted home in Southbury. Using locally sourced flowers and sustainable materials, she crafts unique pieces that showcase her commitment to eco-friendly practices and creativity.

Her Work

Alejandra's specialties include sustainable accessories made from recycled materials. Her collection features colorful purses and totes crafted from recycled plastic, jewelry created with dried nuts and seeds, and home décor incorporating natural pressed flowers handpicked in Southbury. Each piece is a testament to her Colombian heritage and the scenic landscapes of her new community, with inspiration drawn from places like Lake Lillinonah and nearby farms.

A Labor of Love

Alejandra approaches her craft with passion and dedication, stating, "I enjoy every little part of making my products. I love creating new things all the time." This enthusiasm is evident in her one-of-a-kind designs, where recycled materials are transformed into meaningful, beautiful treasures. Alejandra's work not only highlights her artistic talent but also her dedication to sustainability and cultural celebration, making The Megs Artisans a standout in Southbury's creative landscape.

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Where to Find Her Work

You can find The Megs Artisans' creations online through Instagram and Facebook. Locally, her work is available at The Cottage on Main Street in Southbury, and she also takes commissions for those seeking something truly special.

Words of Wisdom for Aspiring Artists

For emerging artists seeking to find their own style, her advice is simple yet powerful: "Believe in yourself! Work on your dreams."

A Community Connection

In addition to her artistic endeavors, she values building connections within her community, showcasing the harmony of sustainability and creativity influenced by her Colombian heritage and her life in Southbury. Follow along to explore her journey and uncover the unique, eco-friendly treasures she brings to life.



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