Bugs

Location: St. Rd. 44 and Amos Rd.

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Erica wanted to use the technique of trompe-l'eoil to create a painting that tricks the eye. She decided that she wanted to make it look like a bunch of insects were landing or crawling on a wooden fence and to get the illusion to be more realistic, she added the shadows of the insects.

About Erica

I am the former art teacher from Triton Central High School. For as long as I can remember one of my dreams in life was to be a full-time artist. After teaching for 11 years I decided follow my heart and pursue art as a full-time career, and I have had no regrets. I love realism, but also enjoy mixing a little bit of abstraction into my work. I am so thankful that people commission and trust me to create a special work of art just for them or to give as a gift.

Some of the most important work I have created are memorial portraits of people or pets. To see the smiles and tears on the recipients faces makes the long, sometimes frustrating, work that I do to create the perfect portrait becomes worth it in those moments. One of the biggest compliments I hear most often is how I have somehow captured the subjects' true personality without ever having met that person or pet in real life. I love what I do and hope I can continue to bring joy to people and the world through my art.