



### Marina Ann Simmons

It took some convincing by Marina's art teacher to get her to attend art school in her native Georgetown, Guyana. Luckily, she relented, graduating with a degree in graphic arts and painting. "I love to work with nature; St. Kitts and Nevis is the ideal spot to create my paintings of beaches, Green Vervet monkeys and historical buildings." 669 2899, [marina\\_ann@hotmail.com](mailto:marina_ann@hotmail.com), Facebook: Marina Ann Art

### Vikki Fuller

Vikki spends half the year on Bowen Island, western Canada, painting bears; and the other half on Nevis painting monkeys, sheep and donkeys. "It keeps me fresh going between the two islands," she explains. Vikki specialises in oils and loves the colours and luminosity, and the way oil paint moves on the canvas. Although monkeys are her trademark, she's now experimenting with landscapes of Nevis



VIKKI FULLER

mountains. "You can look at my pictures and come up with your own story." [vikkifuller.com](http://vikkifuller.com); Vikki's work can be found at Bananas ([bananasnevis.com](http://bananasnevis.com)) and V Gallery in Riviere House ([rivierehouseandcottagesnevis.com](http://rivierehouseandcottagesnevis.com))

# SMART ART

A special piece fashioned by a local artist makes the best souvenir BY CHERYL MARKOSKY

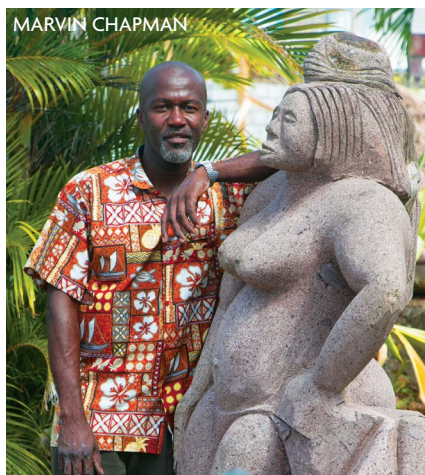
Pure light and vibrant colours have always enticed artists to the tropics; St. Kitts and Nevis is no exception. Here are some talented painters and craftspeople worth discovering.

### Sasha The Artist Herbert

Art's always been a big part of Sasha's life, from designing her own popsicle-stick doll's house to current portrayals of the finest details that "can make any image pop" in her realist paintings of sandy shorelines, flowers and breadfruit. Home for Sasha is the St. Kitts capital, Basseterre: "I'm really enthused by our beautiful local scenery". 665 5458, [sashacherbert@gmail.com](mailto:sashacherbert@gmail.com), [sashatheartist.portfoliobox.net](http://sashatheartist.portfoliobox.net)



SASHA HERBERT



MARVIN CHAPMAN

### Marvin Chapman

Nevisian born-and-bred, Marvin Chapman has transposed his interest in physics and maths to producing fascinating rock sculptures. He shapes life-size carvings from substantial, volcanic rocks, as well as more diminutive pieces from smaller stones. "It's nice to reflect the island through figures of local monkeys and sea turtles," he suggests. 663 5636, Charlestown Gallery, Charlestown, Facebook: [Charlestowngallerynevis](http://Charlestowngallerynevis)

### Angela Fenton

Arriving on St. Kitts five years ago with her Kittitian husband, Stedroy, Angela's opted for genuine, handmade items crafted from materials that wash ashore. Pieces formed from island sea glass, coral and sea fans are a hot ticket, while unusual items – ear cuffs, anklets and barefoot sandals – are equally popular. "I also work with paper, cement and up-cycling bottles to create candle-holders, wind chimes and vases." She has plans to open an online AkuaAwesome shop soon. 762 7332, [akuacreations@yahoo.com](mailto:akuacreations@yahoo.com), Facebook: [akuacreations](http://akuacreations)

ANGELA FENTON



DEBORAH CRAMER

### Deborah Cramer

Inspired by her wire-twister jeweller mother, Kittitian Deborah kicked off her career as a hobby, making jewellery for friends and family. She's progressed to fashioning silver and copper necklaces and bracelets with leather, pearls, semi-precious stones and beads. "I'm trying to master the art of patina," she reveals. "Making my jewellery is a form of therapy, allowing me to be creative." 762 2486, [agentcramer@yahoo.ca](mailto:agentcramer@yahoo.ca), Facebook: Jewels of the Caribbean



DEBORAH TYRELL

### Deborah Tyrell

Originally from Trinidad, Nevis has been home to Deborah for more than 30 years. Her 'collage applique' speciality uses fabric pieces to form abstract and figurative artworks. "My art was born out of a desire to have more locally made items available for islanders and visitors," she says. 662 6778, [nevisislandliving@gmail.com](mailto:nevisislandliving@gmail.com), [nevisislandliving.com](http://nevisislandliving.com)

## Art Houses

### DALE ORIGINAL ART & STYLE

St. Kitts native and artist Dale Kelley lends a bit of panache to her gallery at Christophe Harbour's chic marina village. There's everything from hand-painted bags and sea-glass jewellery, to fine art and high-end photography by St. Kitts and Nevis artists – and others from further afield. Keep an eye out for Dale's own quirky hand-pleated and hand-dyed hats, and her pottery range. [christopheharbour.com](http://christopheharbour.com)



Bananas



Dale Kelley



Dale Original Art &amp; Style

### BANANAS

Thanks to owner Gillian Smith, Bananas regularly displays art shows by talented artists from Nevis, St. Kitts and other parts of the Caribbean. Check out the walls of the restaurant and Totally Bananas Boutique for striking paintings, prints and cards. 469 1891, [bananasnevis.com](http://bananasnevis.com)

### THE GALLERY CAFÉ

An unbeatable recipe of art alongside coffee, homemade bagels with Nevisian

smoked wahoo, and delicious cakes served on vintage china in the heart of Basseterre. Top picks are Rosey Cameron Smith's paintings (this is her gallery), plus other artists' works, jewellery and pottery. [roseycameronsmith.com](http://roseycameronsmith.com)

### CHARLESTOWN GALLERY

Exhibitions of work from a number of St. Kitts and Nevis artists, including painters, sculptors, jewellers and potters. 662 6778, Facebook: [Charlestowngallerynevis](http://Charlestowngallerynevis)



Charlestown Gallery