Joanne Corso was born in Oakland, California and has been immersed in the arts all her life. She began painting at age three and since then, has lived, breathed, and studied a variety of mediums from oils, watercolors, graphite and ink to technical animation and film making. Joanne moved to Truckee in 2006. In 2017, she found herself unhoused for 1 year and was a guest at the Emergency Warming Center. She has been working with NTTHS since winter 2018 and continues to offer her insight as her role of guest liaison through her lived experience. She states, "As I am in the process of the painting dance, there is always an element of a meaningful surprise; something emerges as I work and keeps my attention in a state of discovery".