



## *Idontdordinary with Rosemary Romeo*

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*Idontdordinary* has its own magnetic force that is able to draw in people from various backgrounds. It may seem like a lot to take in when you first enter the booth, but it is only because each piece has its own story to tell. Rosemary Romeo is a mind at work, and I wanted to dig deeper into the treasure chest of her craft.

Rosemary has been creating art and winning awards since she was five years old. Being an artist has been an element of her spirit that has carried her throughout the valleys of life. But, it was because of a turn of events, a “financial problem,” that allowed her art business to come to fruition. She recalled “...having children—but I needed to do what my talents were and that was to create. I had to make money on the weekends, and I used recyclable resources to save money, and I loved it and so did others.” And that was seventeen years ago and her work is “now in style.”

Her first show was in Babylon at Argyle Lake and “...boy, oh boy was it a great one!” Rosemary says, “...people who go to the [fair] in Babylon appreciate art” and she will never forget that she “...came home with empty boxes which was amazing, and it made [her] very happy that people appreciated [her] artwork.”

Some of her favorite pieces to make are the forks and spoons. She loves making these pieces in particular because they are "...fun, and they are conversation pieces." She enjoys when she makes jewelry that people can talk about while they are wearing it. Also, she loves making the pieces that, "...have the element of surprise to them, and what wouldn't have been thought of to be jewelry." She also has a "special place in her heart for beach glass, and the flowers pressed on glass." Overall, she wants her pieces to "open the minds" of those who wear them.



Throughout the years, her work has transitioned tremendously. With a large and growing clientele, they always want to see new and different things. She started working with fabrics, painting on shirts, and now she is taking serious courses on metal-smithing. She is working with "...fire and metals, coloring metals, banging metals together—it's just a whole lot of fun." It's more expensive, she says, but it is something that she is "...drawn to right now."

Her passions always align with creating, as she enjoys cooking and anything that that is creating and experiencing different "...smells, sights, touch, metals, glass, paintings—anything with the ability to create."

If you are interested in Rosemary's designs, her website is [www.idontdordinary.com](http://www.idontdordinary.com). You can like her on Facebook to stay up to date with her next show, new creations, or to purchase at <https://www.facebook.com/idontdordinary2>. You can also reach her by email at [idotdordinary@yahoo.com](mailto:idotdordinary@yahoo.com).