

## **Jennifer Barrett**

### Artist Statement:

It is important to me to create art that is enjoyable to make. For the past several years I have been making comics, blind contour drawings and paintings because it is fun and personally rewarding.

Lately I have been inspired by pop culture imagery (video games, movies, and toys), as well as wildlife. Whenever possible, I draw from life; while visiting the zoo, for example. Using the blind contour method feels very fresh and of course the result is always surprising, sometimes frustrating, and often humorous.

The materials I usually employ (acrylic paint, permanent marker), are used to most clearly define the forms in the drawing or painting. I also like the immediate, somewhat cheap, almost brazen look that permanent marker can draw out when finishing a piece.