

Deborah Samia received her BFA from the Academy of Art University in 1998. In her career, she found various jobs assisting artists, creating high-end Halloween masks, sculpting public monuments, and sculpting miniature figurines and ornaments. For 20 years has been teaching Figure Modeling, Portrait and Ecorche at AAU and Pontifex University, also while sculpting as lead artist at a variety of art studios. It was an honor for her to sculpt a tribute to the late Mayor Ed Lee, with a life-sized bronze at the Warriors Chase Center.

“In my more recent work, I feel compelled to tell stories about pain, suffering and injustice. There is so much hurt in the world out there- that I want to bring hope for. It’s a challenge worth pursuing- to authentically show the ‘ugliness’ while bringing a glimmer of hope, restoration, and redemption.”

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Artist: Deborah Samia

Title: Succulents

Medium: Hydrocal Plaster cast with acrylic paint and wax

Size: 12" x 12" x 1"

Price: \$150

“My relief wall-hanging titled: “Succulents” was created during the lockdown, to ease the stress of being indoors. This artwork brings the garden inside, and is symbolic of nature, creation and life breaking through my empty walls”

-Deborah Samia