

## An Interview with the Artist, Tiffany London by Charles Cantella

For many of us, fishing provides us the opportunity to step outside of our 9 to 5 routines, and to step back into the great outdoors. It allows us to experience adventures, refine our angling skills, create new friendships, and to solidify old ones. It's no wonder then that many anglers try to recapture those warm feelings in various ways.

Many sportsmen and women find that displaying some outdoor art allows them to both recall those fond memories, and to marvel at the talent of the artist that could bring that memory to life. Pennsylvania offers us a wide variety of waters to fish, a multitude of fish to pursue, and an abundance of artists who share their visions with us. Recently, I got to meet and chat with one such talented Pennsylvania artist, Tiffany London of Farm Girl Graphics.

CC: "Today I'm talking with Tiffany London, the Pennsylvania-native artist behind Farm Girl Graphics. Tiffany, let's start off with who you are and how you got into the art world.

TL: "My mother is an artist. She got me into painting ceramics and everything I could get my hands on at an early age. She always encouraged me to be creative and has always been a huge supporter. She even encouraged me to pursue an art degree while attending Montana State University in Bozeman MT.

CC: "How would you describe your art?"

TL: "I'd say it's colorful, fun, and expressive. I love to take a subject (mainly fish) and paint or draw it how I perceive it. I like to really turn up the colors and go from there. Although many fish species rarely need much help in the color department.

CC: "I was just looking over your website (<http://www.farmgirlgraphics.com>) and it seems to me that you have items for almost everyone. I saw some pillows, a hand-painted Yeti tumbler, and other cool stuff decorated with your art. What other kinds of things can we find your art on?"

TL: “After getting back to my artwork full time in 2015, I started out slowly and then added some techniques that I had learned in college. Like the pillows. They are traditionally hand screened from screens that I make and then run the ink through. I wanted to make some home decor items that I would want to have in my home but I couldn't buy in a retail store. Around the same time 2015-2016 Yeti really came on the scene as the go to drinkware and cooler for the outdoor enthusiast. My Dad asked me to hand paint a yeti cooler and it progressed from there. I enjoy that each Yeti I paint is an original. I never paint the same thing twice and it is an affordable way to have a custom piece of functional art. I also started collecting chairs and furniture to paint. I actually took our old kitchen table for my studio and then painted the 4 chairs that went with it. I have been playing with the flanks or sides of different fish and hand painting the design onto the chairs. So far I have chairs in Canada, Utah, West Virginia and PA. I also just finished an order for some terra cotta pots that I painted a brown trout and brook trout design on for a client to put their house plants in. I had never thought of that, but they turned out great.

CC: “I recently saw some of your art hanging at The International Angler ([www.internationalangler.com](http://www.internationalangler.com)). Where else might we see your art?

TL: “International Angler is one of the first fly shops that picked up my artwork and decals. Those guys have been great down there and I stop in every time I am in the Pittsburgh area. They are top notch. Recently The Neshannock Creek Fly shop ( <http://www.ncflyshop.com> )started carrying my artwork and decals. It is about 20 minutes from my shop and I enjoy supporting another local small business and fishing when I head up to restock my decals and artwork. I also have some prints available at Myers Flies <http://www.myersflies.com> they just opened their first brick and mortar store in Dallastown, PA. We met at the Lancaster Fly Show in 2019 and I was very excited when they asked to carry my artwork this year. Really great people and anglers at all of these shops. I recently started collaborating with <https://www.yellowsallyfishing.com>, so I’m also excited about that.

CC: "It sounds like you have quite a few irons in the fire. Thank you so much Tiffany for taking time out of your day to chat. I hope we see you again at next year's Cabin Fever!"