Laurie Cameron
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An itinerate nomad recently retired in Sedona, Arizona, she creates needle felted art and sculptures under the trade name Traveller's Threads. For more than twenty years, she was an avid crafter and quilter, finding inspiration travelling and living throughout many parts of Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, and Asia. In 2022, she discovered the art of needle felting with wool. A medium requiring this natural, mostly unprocessed material opened up a world of three-dimensional creativity. She brings to life exquisite sculptures of realistic animals, birds, and whimsical characters.

Needle felting art involves sculpting shapes and figures using wool that has been cleaned and dyed together with using special felting needles. It's a simple yet versatile technique that allows the artist to create amazing creations with just a few supplies. Laurie's themes for needle felting include animals and birds, both domestic and African, holiday figurines and decorations, whimsical characters.

She is a self-taught, learning the art of needle felting through online tutorials and books, and the art of writing through a variety of online courses.

Countries where she was a resident expat include Malawi, Uganda, South Africa, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Guatemala. She chose the handle "Traveller's Threads" for its double meaning: the threads in fiber art whether it's quilting or needle felting and the threads in storytelling, a plot or storyline.

Needle Felting Artist

<u>Venues/Events</u>

Laurie began marketing her work at local art and craft fairs in and around Sedona. Venues included

- Verde Valley Fiber Artisan Spring and Fall Sales,
- Flag Wool and Fiber Festival,
- Sedona Art Festival (juried),
- Sedona Art Center's Holiday Artist Market. (juried).

She is an active member of the Verde Valley Fiber Artisan Guild. She served as committee chair for the promotion of the Verde Valley Fiber Artisan sale in their efforts to their broaden visibility.

<u>Galleries and Shops</u>

- The Gallery in Williams
- Sedona Heritage Museum

Commissions

- Tufts and Bryn Mawr Mascots--Elephant and Owl
- Nativity sets
- Pet dog

Speaking Engagement

Presentation of the silk weavers of Thailand to the Fiber Artisan Guild

Author

Under the pen name Eliza McCullen, Laurie has published eight novels of mystery/suspense and two memoirs of her life as a trailing spouse living in developing countries. She has co-authored with Laura Meagher three middle grade fiction mystery novels.

Fiction

Infinity Tattoo

De Leon's Ring

The Rise of Eagles

Undocumented

The Sister Code

Hidden Archives

The Boy Left Behind

Crimson Shadows of Sedona

Memoirs

A Land Ruled by Silence

The Pearl of Africa Reborn

Middle Grade Mysteries co-authored with Laura Meagher

The Ghost at Old Oak Way

The Ghost at Cavern Lake Hollow

The Ghost at Judy Creak Station

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