Below: Former Ohlone student Bhavana Misra doesn’t copyright her award-winning art because she wants everybody to enjoy it. Above: Some of the artwork in Misra’s studio.

Former student discovers artistic passion

Bhavana Misra has been exposed to art ever since she was a little girl. Misra always had an interest in the arts. Her family and teachers noticed her artistic ability in her drawings and paintings as a child.

During a break from her full-time job in the information technology field, she took drawing and painting classes at Ohlone College during the spring 2009 semester and the 2011 fall semester with instructor Jian Wu.

She received perfect grades in both classes. After that, her paintings were accepted into the Spring Student Juried Show.

From then on, Misra chose to pursue her passion for arts as a career.

“My source of inspiration is the elegance of nature and sincerity in people,” she said. “Both are too pretty to express in words.”

To create these wonderful images, Misra uses charcoal, pencil, oil and pastel for her work.

Portraiture is her chosen genre, but sometimes she paints other things as well. She works from life as well as photos.

Along with Misra’s career came many awards. Her painting “Woman in Pink Pastel” won a Silver Award in the Juried Fine Arts Show held at the Fremont Arts Association this year. Another painting, “Vita ben Visuta” was an oil contrast that was one of the three artworks accepted by The Hayward Area Historical Society for the Day of the Dead exhibition. In July, Misra started two series of paintings: “Friends,” an oil contrast, and “America,” a group of patriotic paintings in mixed media/digital.

Misra does not copyright her work because she wants everyone to enjoy it.

She has a husband and two kids to share her accomplishments with. In her spare time, she enjoys taking photos and writing short stories.

Being a portrait artist, Misra is always looking for new faces to paint. Anyone interested in being a model for one of her pieces can reach her at bhavna.misra@gmail.com or visit her blog at http://creativitycornerofbhavna.blogspot.com/.