



# NJ

Shotgun shacks were typical in Orange Mound, where NJ Woods grew up. The rich heritage of this community, the congested space of her home and visits to her Grandma Sarah's house in Coldwater, MS, permeates every fiber of the self-taught artist's canvas and primitive style today. NJ is known for dreamlike and autobiographical scenes of Mid-South living during the share-cropping and civil rights eras. Her adroit use of luminous color and the nostalgic themes found in her paintings are often compared to renowned artists Carroll Cloar and Clementine Hunter.

NJ has been painting professionally for more than 10 years. Her work has been shown in several galleries in Memphis and abroad, namely: D'Edge Art Gallery in Memphis, TN and Brick Gallery in Clarksdale, MS. Her paintings have been published in numerous publications such as: The Commercial Appeal, At Home In Memphis Magazine and The Memphis Flyer. She participates in several tradeshows yearly throughout the city, where she sells her paintings and crafts. Her work was recently displayed at Dixon Gallery and Gardens museum as a part of the Voices of a New South exhibit. HGTV's crafting show "That's Clever" recently featured NJ during two segments November 2010.



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