



PEACEFUL THOUGHTS by Angelika Anastasis.

Inspired by female muse

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UMHLANGA artist Angelika Anastasis places a strong emphasis on women, their strengths, vulnerabilities and archetypes in her latest exhibition, *Muse*.

The 50-year-old artist said her portraits depicted the individuality of women.

As a ceramic and contemporary artist, Anastasis said she grew up doodling on whatever she could find.

"I am so inspired by women and all their facets. I am struck by individuals and their stories. I am struck by people who have their own voice and those who define themselves through their passions and interests, foregoing the pressure that society places on them," she said.

In 2017, Anastasis won the Regional Ceramics South Africa Award.

"It was so exciting to have won and a complete surprise. It was amazing to have my work validated by this warm, wonderful association and I was so grateful to the judge, Paul Mikula from the Phansi Museum, who really understood my work," she said.

Anastasis said she hoped her art works moved people in some way.

The exhibition runs at The Blue Caterpillar Art Gallery at Butterflies for Africa in Pietermaritzburg until August 31. For info, call 033 387 135.