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I am AJ Leibengeist (aka Thunderchild Allen).

I'm an independent mixed media artist in Real Life (RL) and Second Life (SL). My project is the Thunderchild Gallery Workshop (TCGWS) in Second Life and Real Life. I moved business focus into the virtual world at the start of the pandemic, 4/20/2020.

My life centers around art, music, motorcycles, and repairs. I am a disabled veteran and a member of the New Mexico Veterans Art group.

My artwork becomes products in both the real and virtual worlds. In SL, I'm a Satyr hybrid who is an artist and philanthropist.

In the late 1960's, I started my engagement in the art and science programs at the Kirk Patrick Planetarium at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. It was there, I created and sold My first artwork. Over the decades, I received both private and academic training in art, illustration and drafting. I've been able to apply those skills throughout my professional career life. I've created university course materials, architectural and construction plans, network diagrams, clothing, and custom leather and motorcycle gear designs.

I believe that visual art can be a strong communication and emotional experience just as is music, poetry, and prose. Our world and lives are too complex to remain a simpleton, you'd only get kicked to the curb of life. At times I can be a minimalist, seeking to use simple forms to express meaning. Then I can be manically attentive to detail striving for a more complex image. More recently, I've been focusing adapting my recent artwork into textures, prints, and products for SL and RL and striving to match them as much as possible.

“Imagination is the only weapon in the war against reality,” The Cheshire Cat, Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll.

My main website is <https://thunderchild.net>, which I've had for a couple of decades now. It has morphed over the years as my life has. My newest domain is for my online radio station and stream, <http://kock.rocks> (KOCK.rocks BiPolar Radio). My SL Marketplace is <https://marketplace.secondlife.com/stores/227095>.