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**ABOUT**

To be effective, pointillist paintings require patience and a keen understanding of color and design. And, because they are quite labor intensive, it is no surprise that I am one of few contemporary artists who create in this style. Inspired by the techniques and works of the late Denver-based artist, Vance Kirkland (no relation), my early representational style shifted as I explored the convergence of outer space, abstract painting and dots. It was in this intersection that I found my voice as an artist, and gained both collectors and fans.

Favoring vibrant colors and intricate patterns, I create my works in acrylic on canvas, utilizing brushes and unconventional tools, such as dowels, skewers, chopsticks, forks and spoons. My greatest delight is watching exhibit guests take in my art from afar, then draw closer and react with amazement, as they discover the thousands of dots that make up the images.

In addition to my pointillist works, I challenge myself by exploring different styles and palettes. Mid-Century and Art Deco-inspired hard-edged abstract designs push my work in new directions.

Prior to returning full-time to visual arts, I enjoyed a long career as an award-winning art director, illustrator, graphic designer and production manager, in advertising and publishing. This lifelong involvement in art and design is reflected in my paintings and subject matter. As a Studio Art major at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, I studied illustration, painting in oil and acrylic, ceramic and metal sculpture, as well as theater set design and film language. Through professional work and independent study, I explored photography, digital media and film/video art direction and production.

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**
2024 *Kauffman Foundation Conference Center,* Kansas City, Missouri
2023 *Stiles Gallery*, Westwood City Hall, Westwood, Kansas
2021 Lenexa City Hall Gallery, Lenexa, Kansas
2021 *Movement. Form. Color. Geometry: Abstracts from the Heartland* Semi-solo, shared exhibit. Tim Murphy Gallery, Merriam, Kansas (2D)
2020 PNC Bank-Crossroads, Kansas City Missouri, ArtsKC Now Showing
2020 Academy Bank, Kansas City, Missouri, ArtsKC Now Showing
2019 *What's the Point?* SPIVA Center for the Arts, Regional Gallery, Joplin Missouri
2019 Lemonade Gallery-Crossroads
2019 Enterprise Bank & Trust-Crossroads, ArtsKC Now Showing
2019 Mazuma Credit Union-Crossroads, ArtsKC Now Showing
2018 *What's the Point?* Lee's Summit City Hall, Lee's Summit, Missouri
2018 *What's the Point?* Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center, Overland Park, Kansas
2018 The Expanded Field of the 2018 OpenSpacesKC_Arts Festival.
2018 *What's the Point?* Lenexa City Hall Gallery, Lenexa, Kansas
2014 Lenexa City Hall Gallery, Lenexa, Kansas

**JURIED SHOWS I GROUP EXHIBITIONS**
2024 *Color Pops 2.0,* (Local) 80 Santa Fe Gallery, Overland Park, Kansas
2023 *Lenexa Artists' Show,* (Local) Best of Show, *100,000 Stars*, Lenexa City Hall Gallery, Lenexa, Kansas
2023 *Liberation,* (Local) 80 Santa Fe Gallery, Overland Park, Kansas
2023 *Color Pops,* (Local) 80 Santa Fe Gallery, Overland Park, Kansas
2023 *Annual Juried Exhibit,* (Regional) Images Art Gallery, Overland Park, Kansas
2023 *Heartland Artist Exhibition,* (National) Tim Murphy Art Gallery, Merriam, Kansas
2022 *Alumni Showcase*, Images Art Gallery, Overland Park, Kansas
2022 *Senior Arts Council Show*, Stiles Gallery, Westwood City Hall, Westwood, Kansas
2022 *Lenexa Artists' Show*, Lenexa City Hall Gallery, Lenexa, Kansas
2022 *Senior Arts Council Exhibit*, Lenexa City Hall Gallery, Lenexa, Kansas
2021 *Esperance,* Epsten Gallery, Overland Park, KS
2021 *Lenexa Artists Show,* 2nd Place, Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2021 *Art at the Center,* (2D National) Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Overland Park, Kansas
2021 *Senior's Spring Fling.* 2nd Place, "Western Auto Reflections" Tim Murphy Gallery, Merriam, Kansas (2D)
2020 *Resilience, Reflection, Rebuilding: Artist Respond to Covid-19 Exhibition,* Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center, Overland Park, Kansas (2D)
2020 *Wall of Fame,* Tim Murphy Gallery, Merriam, Kansas (2D)
2020 *Lenexa Artists Show,* Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2020 *Heartland Artist Exhibition,* (National) Tim Murphy Art Gallery, Merriam, Kansas

2020 *Senior Arts Council Membership Exhibition,* Tim Murphy Art Gallery, Merriam, Kansas
2020 *Art at the Center,* (National) Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Overland Park, Kansas
2019 *Lenexa Artists Show,* Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2019 *Jones Gallery-Children's Mercy Hospital Benefit,* (Regional) Jones Gallery, KC Crossroads, Kansas City, Missouri
2019 *State of Senior Arts,* (National) Prairie Village Arts Council, Prairie Village, Kansas
2019 *Art at the Center,* (National) Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Overland Park, Kansas
2019 *Heartland Artist Exhibition,* (National) Tim Murphy Art Gallery, Merriam, Kansas
2019 *Celebrate Women Exhibit*, Alaris Litigation-KC Crossroads, Kansas City, Missouri
2018 *Regional Juried Christian Arts Competition and Exhibition,* The Catholic Foundation, NE Kansas
2018 *Lenexa Artists Show,* Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2017 *Solar Flair: Celestial Bodies in Motion Exhibit* (National) Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, St. Joseph, Missouri
2017 *Lenexa Artists Show,* Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2017 *Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center*, Grand Opening Exhibit, Overland Park, Kansas (2D)
2017 *Art at the Center*, (National Juried Exhibition), Overland Park, Kansas (2D)
2016 *State of the Arts,* (National Juried Exhibition), Prairie Village, Kansas (2D)
2016 *Lenexa Artists Show*, Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2015 *Arti Gras,* (Local Juried Exhibition) Leawood, Kansas (2D)
2014 *Lenexa Artists Show,* (Local Juried Exhibition) Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2014 *Images Art Gallery,* (Regional Juried Exhibition) Overland Park, Kansas (2D)
2013 *Lenexa Artists Show,* (Local Juried Exhibition) Lenexa, Kansas (3D)

**COMMISSIONS**

2021 Private commission, *See You in the Stars.* Pointillist space painting.
2021 Private commission, *Spike.* Horse portrait.
2021 Private commissions, *Silver Lion* and *Julie's Groovy Trees*
2019 REAL Property Group, Kansas City, Missouri
2019 Private commission for a local collector
2019 City of Lenexa, Lenexa, Kansas. Retirement gift.
2017 Sushi UNI Restaurant, Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2016 Kansas City Symphony Alliance Designer's Show House. Art
2014 *Portrait commission.* Potomac Falls, VA
2015 *Commission:* Painted table. Kansas City Symphony Alliance Designer's Show House.
2012-2014 *Commissions:* Kansas City Symphony Alliance Designer's Show House. Art
2011 *Commission for Designer:* Kansas City Symphony Alliance Designer's Show House. Photo

**AWARDS**

2024 Voted **2024 Best Artist of Johnson County, Kansas**, hosted by the *Johnson County Post*
2023 **Best in Show,** for "100,000 Stars," *Lenexa Artists Show*, Lenexa, Kansas
2022 **2nd Place,** for "Organica" *Senior Arts Council Exhibit*, Lenexa, Kansas
2021 **2nd Place,** for "Out of This World," *Lenexa Artists Show*, Lenexa, Kansas
2021 **2nd Place,** for "Western Auto," *Senior's Spring Fling*, Merriam, Kansas
2020 **First Place** for "Empress Theodora," *Lenexa Artists Show*, Lenexa, Kansas
2019 Lenexa **Arts Council Choice Award** for "Solarism", *Lenexa Artists Show*, Lenexa, Kansas
2019 **Third Place,** "Cloudy with a Chance of Color", **Heartland Annual Artist Exhibition**, Merriam, Kansas (2D)
2018 **Lenexa Arts Council Choice Award** "Western Auto Reflection," *Lenexa Artists Show,* Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2018 **Honorable Mention** "Thaleia", *Lenexa Artists Show,* Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2017 **Lenexa Arts Council Choice Award** for "Roman", *Lenexa Artists Show,* Lenexa, Kansas (2D)
2014 **2nd Place, Photo Art** and **Honorable Mention** for digitally-altered photo art, Lenexa Artists Show
2011 MADA Award for Space Planning, International Interior Design Association (IIDA)
1978-2006 Multiple regional, national and international awards for art direction, print and broadcast production.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE-DESIGN/ART DIRECTION**

2024 Juror, *Lenexa Art Fair*, Lenexa, Kansas
2023 Public Art Selection Committee for Theatre in the Park. Johnson County Parks & Recreation Department.
2023 Juror, *Lenexa Art Fair*, Lenexa, Kansas
2022 Juror, *Heartland Artist Competition*, Merriam, Kansas
2021 Resident artist at The Lofts of City Center
2014-current Artist, Kirkland Creative Art + Design
2011-2014 Kitchen & Bath Designer, Kirkland Interior Design (AKBD, CAPS)
2006-2009 Participant in NDIIPP "Preserving Creative America" Strategic Initiative Library of Congress
1993-2009 Creative Director, Production Director-Publishing, Andrews McMeel Universal

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1979-1998 Artful Dodger Art and Design Studio, owner
1977-1993 Art Director/Designer/Graphic Artist. Advertising

**ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS**

2024 Profile: BOLD Journey-Interview: Who Inspired My Work Ethic? January 2024.
2023 Profile: VoyageKC - Hidden Treasures, June 26, 2023
2023 Featured Artist: Artsy Shark.
2022 Article. *Creating Art: Digital vs Traditional.* Co-authored with Catharine Deever. Published online at ArtsyShark.com
2022 Profile. Core.Zine, Issue 7, December 2022. Published by Brittany Noriega
2021 *"What's the Point?"* Book authored, designed and produced by Catherine Kirkland.
Foreword by Devin Rumley-Graham.
2020 Catalog. *Resilience, Refelction, Rebuilding.* Featuring art and artists who exhibited in the show by the same name.

**COLLECTIONS: PUBLIC + PRIVATE**

**Public installations:** Originals and Art Prints are installed throughout The Lofts at City Center, Lenexa, Kansas
**Rotating exhibit:** Revocup Coffee Shop, Lenexa City Center and Revocup South, Overland Park

**Private collections**:

Savannah, Georgia
Charleston, South Carolina
Pepperill, Massachusetts
Potomac Falls, Virginia
Salt Lake City, Utah
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Kansas City, Missouri
Shawnee, Kansas
Lenexa, Kansas
Linn, Kansas
Mission, Kansas
Fairway, Kansas
Topeka, Kansas
Charleston, South Carolina
Belton, Texas
Joplin, Missouri
Overland Park, Kansas
Tuscon, Arizona

**EDUCATION**

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| 2013 | Ceramics | Johnson County Community College, Continuing Ed. |
| 2011 | Interior Design | Johnson County Community College, AAS |
| 1988 | Photography | Johnson County Community College, Continuing Ed. |
| 1986 | Air Brush Illustration | Johnson County Community College, Continuing Ed. |
| 1978 | Video Production | Kansas City Art Institute, Continuing Ed. |
| 1975 | Fine Arts-Studio | University of Missouri at Kansas City |

**IN THE NEWS + PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

**Kansas City STAR** September 1, 2023. By Debra Scodack, Special to the *Olathe News*
**Accessible art: Show inside the City Hall Art Gallery puts focus on Lenexa artists**
https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/community/johnson-county/olathe/article278782334.html

**Artsy Shark,** November 02, 2022, Article, co-authored with Catharine Deever
https://www.artsyshark.com/2022/11/02/creating-art-digital-vs-traditional/

**Shawnee Mission Post,** September 9, 2021
https://shawneemissionpost.com/2021/09/09/catherine-kirkland-art-anti-trafficking-131943/

**The Signs of the Times,** March 9, 2021
https://signsofthetimes.com/led-signs-aplenty-for-a-kansas-city-area-apartment-complex/

**Shawnee Mission Post ,** December 29, 2020
https://shawneemissionpost.com/2020/12/29/109516-109516/

**Kansas City Business Journal,** May 21, 2019
https://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2019/05/21/lofts-at-lenexa-city-center-groundbreaking.html

**Lee's Summit Journal ,** November 14, 2018 by Anne Marie Hunter
https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/community/lsjournal/article221682905.html

**KTWU Sunflower Journeys Episode 3106,** October 2018
Watch for my paintings during the Lenexa City Center segment which starts around 10:40 in the video.
https://watch.opb.org/video/3106visions-of-the-future-oankpj/

**Lee's Summit Tribune** (online), Oct 2018
Article about the Meet the Artist Reception at my solo exhibit opening in Lee's Summit City Hall.
https://lstribune.net/index.php/2018/10/13/meet-the-artist-reception-featuring-catherine-kirkland/

**Kansas City Star**, June 10, 2017
http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article155473154.html