



Penny Thieme

The Heart of Transformation:

Heart Ache, Heart Break, Heart Felt, Heart Full

"Penny paints her life in pulsating imagery resplendent with symbolism, vibrant colors and passages that meander through the psyche and connect soulfully to the human condition." ~Maura Conry-Artist, *Garden of Jungian Delights*, KC Friends of Jung, 2013

Summary

Penny is a visual artist, activist, educator, collaborator and visionary. She is a professional painter, mixed media artist, sculptor, photojournalist, curator, and artists' advocate who studied Art at Johnson County Community College and The University of Kansas. Her art has been prominently featured in solo and group exhibitions such as Artists Fight Back Against the War on Women, Garden of Jungian Delights, The River Market Regional, Beyond Bounds and Oracles & Vessels.

Her work is in national and international private collections. Penny founded and directed VALA Gallery, curated over 120 exhibitions and shared the work of over 900 Visual, Audial and Literary Artists through VALA, The Johnson County Library, Suite 100, Blue Valley Parks and Recreation and other public spaces.

Art & Exhibitions (Highlights)

Radical Revolution of Values: More2 Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity Reception for the 13th Annual Transformation Banquet, Solo, Featured Visual Artist, Union Station, Kansas City, MO, June, 2018

"UP CLOSE WITH ART & SCIENCE" Guest Artist (The Stowers Institute for Medical Research), Cedar Roe Library, April 2018

Evolving Cover Artists, Group Exhibition, InterUrban ArtHouse, March 2018

"Herself", Celebrating Women in Art (Women's History Month), KCKCC Art Gallery, Group Exhibition, Feb 19-Mar 23, 2018

"WHAT YOU SEE IS NOT A TEST: THE ART OF HIP HOP"

A RENAISSANCE 12:21 Project| A twenty-first century cultural revolution, Group Exhibition, Four Chapter Gallery, February 2018

12x12, Group Exhibition, ARTSKC, December 2017

Group Exhibition, InterUrban ArtHouse, November/December 2017

How Do You Figure?, Group Exhibition, InterUrban ArtHouse, September 2017

Beyond Bounds-DAZZLING, Group Exhibition/Auction, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, April 2017

VALA, Group Exhibition, Suite 100, September 2015

VALA, Group Exhibition, Suite 100, March 2015

VALA Group Exhibition, Suite 100, December 2014

Beyond Bounds-ELECTRIC, Group Exhibition/Auction, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, October 18, 2014

Summer Love, Solo Show, Evolving Magazine, August 2014

30 Years Restoring the Balance, Group Exhibition, National Crime Victims' Rights Week Exhibition in collaborations The Johnson County District Attorney's Office, April 2014

Sacred Seasons, Solo Show, Suite 100, 2013

Garden of Jungian Delights, Group Show, 2013

New Challenges: New Solutions, Group Show, National Crime Victim's Rights Week Exhibition in collaborations The Johnson County District Attorney's Office, April 2013

December 22nd, VALA, Group Show, Dec 2012-Jan 2013

Artists Fight Back: A Response to the War on Women, VALA, Juried Show Group Exhibition (Honorable Mention), Juried by Jean Howard, October 2012

One: The Art & Soul Connection, Central Resource Library, Group Exhibition, 2012

Extending the Vision: Reaching Every Victim, Group Show, National Crime Victim' Rights Week Exhibition in collaborations The Johnson County District Attorney's Office, April 2012

Beyond Bounds-BRILLIANT, Group Exhibition/Auction, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, October 22, 2011

Au Naturel, Group Exhibition, VALA Gallery, July 2011

River Market Regional Exhibition, Juried Group Exhibition, July 2011

Balancing the Scales, Group Show, National Crime Victim's Rights Week Exhibition in collaborations The Johnson County District Attorney's Office, April 2011

Oracles & Vessels, Solo Exhibition (spanning 3 galleries), VALA Gallery, February 2011

Beyond Bounds-GLOW, Group Exhibition, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art Auction, October 2009

Beyond Reason, Solo Painting Exhibition, Iron Horse Bistro, Parkville, MO, September 2009-January 2010

The First Noel, Group Exhibition, VALA Gallery 2009

Mindsapes, Group Exhibition, VALA Gallery, 2009

Weathering Veins, 2-D & 3-D Mixed Media, Solo Exhibition, Familiar Faces Studios/The Gallery

March 27, 2009-April 26, 2009

Maternal Mythologies, Mixed Media, Two-Person Show, Familiar Faces Studios/The Gallery. October/November 2008

Passages, Painting & Sculpture Solo Exhibition, Student Gallery, 3rd floor, JCCC, November 24, 2008-February 2009

Divergent Visions, Student Exhibition, Billington Library, Summer 2008

Special Projects & Collaborations

VALA, Director, Collaborator, Curator and Artist Advocate & Agent, 2014-present

Featured Visual Artist-*Radical Revolution of Values*: More2 Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity Reception for the 13th Annual Transformation Banquet, Solo Featured Visual Artist, Union Station, Kansas City, MO, June, 2018

Summer Love, (Fine Art Photography) Greene's Acre Organic Gardens & Evolving Magazine

Communion & Conversations with Richard Bach, Hudson Auditorium, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, 2012

VALA Community 2008-present (Brick & Mortar 2014) Visual, Literary & Auditory Artists

National Crime Victims' Rights Exhibition, Johnson County District Attorney's Victims' Assistance Unit, **2011-2014**

Garden of Jungian Delights, KC Friends of Jung, 2013

Communion & Conversations with Richard Bach, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art (Hudson Auditorium), May 2012

The Art and Soul Connection: The VALA Documentary 2008-present

Oracles & Vessels (The Heart of Transformation), solo exhibition of 2-D & 3-D works, 2011 and special Organ Donor Awareness event and auction in collaboration with Artist Larry Thomas, The *Midwest Transplant Network & Lyric of Life*.

Publications, Awards & Recognition

KC Scholars Award, 2019

The Johnson County District Attorney's Office, "In Recognition of Your Contributions to the Johnson County District Attorney's Office 2014 Crime Victims Rights Week Community Awareness Project" (Victims' Rights Exhibitions)

Evolving: A Guide for Conscious Living Cover Art: February 2018, September 2016, August 2014, August 2013, July 2011

Featured in the Artist Profile Blog, Arts Council of Johnson County, 2012

Artist's Fight Back: A Response to the War on Women, Honorable Mention (*Maternal Mythologies*, mixed media on canvas), 2012

Mind's Eye, JCCC, Literary Publication, (*Modern Maternity*) 1st place, 2008
Fine Art Award/Scholarship, JCCC, Spring 2008

Mind's Eye, JCCC, Literary Publication, (*Private Paradigm*), 2009/10

Event Photography & Photojournalism (Kansas City)

Freelance Event, & Documentary Photography, 2005-present

Bayou Bash, Annual Fundraiser for Horizon Academy, 2018-2019

GLOW Auction Shines at Nerman, Editorial & Photography, Campus Ledger,
November 2009

Accumulating Absence article, The Ledger, 2008

Campus Ledger, JCCC (Johnson County Community College), Jan 2007-Dec 2007

Sun Publications, Photojournalism, 2005-2011

Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Photojournalism, Light the Night 2004-2010

Sun Publications, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Opening, Photojournalism,
October, 2007

Jewish Life Magazine, Museum Opening, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art,
Winter 2007

Breakfast With the Champions, Photojournalism, 2005

Jeff and Tina Montgomery, Photojournalism, LLS 2005

After Prom, Blue Valley High School (2 Years)

Public Art/Curatorial

VALA Gallery/Familiar Faces Studios, Mission/OP, KS, 2008-2014

Mission Art Walk, Planning and Organization (First Season)

Suite 100, KC, MO, 2010-2015

Comfort Suites. OP, KS, 2012-2014

Park University, Campanella Gallery, (Zigmunds Priede), 2013

Blue Valley Parks & Recreation, 2012-2015

Johnson County Libraries, 2012, 2013, 2014

Crossroads Art District, KC, MO (Jean Van Harlingen)

Iron Bistro Restaurant, Parkville, MO, 2008-2009

Revo Cup Coffee, 2009

Education

2019-present JCCC, KC Scholars Award

2005-2008 JCCC, Fine Art Award Scholarship, 2008

Dean's List, Honor Roll, JCCC Spring & Fall Semester 2006 & 2007

1992-1995 University of Kansas (Fine Art)

1989-1992, JCCC (Johnson County Community College) Board of Trustees Talent Scholarship, JCCC, 1990

Professional Teaching Experience (Kansas City)

1990-present, since 1990, Penny has taught drawing, painting, collage, mixed media, digital imaging, and photography to children and adults through private lessons, art clubs, workshops, Young Rembrandts and Parks & Recreation Arts Programing. She works as an art mentor with underserved youth and domestic violence survivors.

Juror

2018, 'Within Reach National PTA, Reflections (SMS)', Overland Park, KS

2014, *Atchison Art Association Membership Show*, Muchnic Gallery, Atchison, KS

2014, *Wild Wing Rapture*, Benefit Exhibition, Buffalo River Gallery, Parkville, KS

2014, Summit Arts Festival, Lee's Summit, MO

2013, 2012, Student Exhibition, Shawnee Mission East, Shawnee Mission, KS

2012, 2011, 'Hidden Glen Arts Festival Scholarship', Shawnee Mission, KS

Art Model (Kansas City)

VALA Gallery, 2009-2014

Art Samples and Letters of Recommendation available upon request.