

SUSAN JACKSON

TWO-DIMENSIONAL ARTIST | THE HEART AND HAND

Susan Jackson is a two-dimensional multimedia artist who's lived in the Kansas City Metro her whole life. Susan graduated with a Bachelor's of Secondary Education with an emphasis in Art in 2015 and a Master's of Curriculum and Instruction in 2021, both from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. For the past 6 years, she has been blending her passion for the arts with teaching as a public-school visual arts educator.

Over the past year, Susan has focused on exploring new mediums. In the summer of 2020, Susan spent time learning about the encaustic art process from her beekeeping relatives in Florida. Encaustic art is a textured two-dimensional art medium that uses pigmented beeswax and damar resin as a painting process. Her latest body of work, through encaustic collage and image transferring, revolves around inspiration from the greatest artist of all: Mother Nature. By weaving nature into her art, she finds escape through the daily hustle. Her imagery comes from a desire to feel free from structure and the weight of the world. The calmness of the ocean shore, the weightlessness of a butterfly's flutter, or the feeling of time standing still under a canopy of trees can be found throughout her work. Her images also evoke memories and times throughout her life when she has felt freedom from reality.

In 2020, Susan also created her art business known as *The Heart and Hand*. From the time she could hold a pencil, art has been her passion. Through her art business she is able to tell people's stories and bring to life their ideas and experiences through personalized commissions. Going forward, Susan plans to expand on *The Heart and Hand* through displaying more of her work in the community, creating connections with others through visual storytelling and continuing to grow her Etsy shop.



THE HEART AND HAND

You can find images of Susan's work or reach her at:

<https://www.instagram.com/theheartandhandco/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheHeartandHandCo>

theheartandhandco@gmail.com