

Catherine Kirkland

b. Kansas City, Missouri. Currently resides in Lenexa, Kansas

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

- 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 | 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

- 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

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

Catherine Kirkland
Lenexa, Kansas
catherine@kirklandcreativeart.com

LinkTree: @kirklandcreativeart
Facebook: @ArtbyCatherine

www.kirklandcreativeart.com
Instagram: @kirklandcreativeart

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

EDUCATION

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

BOLD Journey January 2024

<https://boldjourney.com/news/meet-catherine-kirkland/>

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>

VOYAGE KC Magazine Interview - Hidden Treasures Profile. June 26, 2023

<https://voyagekc.com/?s=Catherine+Kirkland>

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/ljournal/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.

Catherine Kirkland
Lenexa, Kansas
catherine@kirklandcreativeart.com

LinkTree: @kirklandcreativeart
Facebook: @ArtbyCatherine

www.kirklandcreativeart.com
Instagram: @kirklandcreativeart

<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://ltribune.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>