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As a visionary fine artist since 1968, Ms. O'Brien, works in water media, mixed media collage, drawing, artifacts and rare bead jewelry. She shows her work nationally, and teaches at Kathleen O'Brien Studio.

CURRENT REPRESENTATION

Kentucky Artisan Center, Berea, KY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Atlas of the Year*, Carnegie Institute for Literacy and Learning, Lexington, KY
- 2016 *Drawn to the Earth*, with guest poet Stanley D. Brunn, M S Rezny Studio/Gallery, Lexington, KY
8th Annual Four Seasons Open Studio, (4th Annual ARTTOUR) Kathleen O'Brien Studio
- 2015 *Talismans*, M S Rezny Studio/Gallery, Lexington, KY
7th Annual Four Seasons Open Studio, (3rd Annual ARTTOUR) Kathleen O'Brien Studio
- 2014 *Birds of a Feather*, with guest, Leslie Patterson-Marx, M S Rezny Studio/Gallery, Lexington, KY
Recent Work, Rich Gallery, Woodford County Library, Versailles, KY
6th Annual Four Seasons Open Studio, (2nd Annual ARTTOUR) Kathleen O'Brien Studio
- 2013 *Realms of Wonder*, M S Rezny Studio/Gallery, Lexington, KY
Light, as a Feather, Tribeca Trunk, Lexington, KY
Art Soiree, Boulder, CO
Recent Work, Harrodsburg/Mercer County Tourist Commission
5th Annual Four Seasons Open Studio, (1st Annual ARTTOUR) Kathleen O'Brien Studio
- 2012 *Rite of Spring*, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, KY
Gardenshapes, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
4th Annual Four Seasons Open Studio, Kathleen O'Brien Studio
- 2011 *3rd Annual Four Seasons Open Studio*, Kathleen O'Brien Studio
- 2010 *Recent Work*, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, KY
2nd Annual Four Seasons Open Studio, Kathleen O'Brien Studio
- 2009 *Recent Work*, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, KY
1st Annual Four Seasons Open Studio, Kathleen O'Brien Studio
- 2007 *4 Seasons-4Directions*, Berea Arts Council, Berea, KY
- 2006 *4 Seasons-4Directions*, Community Art Center, Danville, KY
Recent Work, Boyle County Public Library, Danville, KY
- 2005 *4 Seasons-4Directions*, Women's Institute and Gallery, New Harmony, IN
- 2001 *Prayer Flags*, Boyle County Public Library, Danville, KY
Cosmic Nest, Artists' Attic, Lexington, KY
- 2000 *Recent Work*, Joseph Beth Booksellers, Lexington, KY
- 1992 *Dovetail*, Hichiwa Studio, Denver, CO
- 1989 *Kathleen O'Brien, Guest Artist*, University of Colorado, Denver, CO
- 1987 *Sacred Dumpster Delights*, Boulder Public Library, Boulder, CO
- 1981 *Poetry, Jazz & One Woman Show*, Gallery Triangle, Washington, DC
- 1979 *Whimsies*, Private Properties Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- 1970 *Recent Work*, Living Room Gallery, Buffalo, NY

AWARDS

- 2014 Honorable Mention, *More & more*, MS Rezny Studio Gallery
- 2012 Al Smith Fellowship, Kentucky Arts Council
Artist of the Month of May, The Art List
- 2010 Exhibitor's Choice Award, *Kentucky Crafted, the Market*
- 2007 Lincoln Bicentennial Product Development Grant, Kentucky Arts Council
Individual Artist Professional Development Grant, Kentucky Arts Council
Platinum 10 Program, Kentucky Arts Council
Honorable Mention, Francisco's Farm, Midway, K
Citation of Recognition, Senator Kelly, Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- 2004 Award of Excellence, *Winterfair*, Cincinnati, OH
Best New In-State Exhibitor, *Kentucky Crafted: the Market*
Individual Artist Professional Development Grant, Kentucky Arts Council
- 1988 *Boulder Expression*, Best of Show Award, Boulder, CO
- 1972 Boulder Public Library Exhibit, First Place Prize, Boulder, CO

INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *New Year, New Art*, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
- 2017 *Kentucky Painters Invitational*, Berea Arts Council, Berea, KY
The Book Transformed, Berea Arts Council, Berea, KY
Visions at the Capitol, State Capitol, Frankfort, KY
New Year, New Art, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
- 2016 *Visions at the Capitol, 50-50*, State Capitol, Frankfort, KY
New Year, New Art, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
Juxtapose, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
- 2015 *Lt. Governor Crit Luallen's Office - Kentucky Treasures*, State Capitol, Frankfort, KY
Breeders Cup Exhibit, Kentucky Arts Council, The Livery, Lexington, KY
Beyond the Horse, tribeca trunk, Lexington, KY
Fertile Ground, Berea Arts Council, Berea, KY
New Work, Mercer County Public Library
- 2014 *New Year, New Art*, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
RE: Rethinking Recycling, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
Uncommon Wealth, 30 Years of the Al Smith Fellowship, Lexington, KY
Celebrating Ten Years, Kentucky Artisan Center, Berea, KY
Floral Freeway Project, Give into the Groove & tribeca trunk, Lexington, KY
Project 52 Sound Paintings, with Helen Davey, online
- 2013 *Kentucky Treasures, First Lady's Office - State Capitol*, Frankfort, KY
Uncommon Wealth, 30 Years of the Al Smith Fellowship, Lexington, KY
Art In Nature, Berea Arts Council, Berea, KY
Rock, Paper, Scissors, Berea Arts Council, Berea, KY
New Year, New Art, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
- 2010 *Gallery at Francisco's Farm*, Midway, Kentucky
Original Art - Original Gift 2, Berea Arts Council, Berea, KY
New x 3, Blue Spiral Gallery, Asheville, NC
- 2009 *Kentucky Visions at the Capitol*, Frankfort, KY
First Lady's Reception Exhibition, State Capitol, Frankfort, KY
Kentucky Crafted: the Market, Louisville, KY

- The River*, Gallery on Main, Richmond, KY
The Light of God; Significant Visionary Work, Emerald Gallery, Fairfield, IA
 Artemisia, Louisville, KY, November – January
- 2008 Elk Creek Vineyard Gallery, November– December
 Ryders Cup, Louisville, KY
 Buyers Market of American Craft, Philadelphia, PA, 1 of 6 artists representing the state with
 Kentucky Arts Council
Kentucky Visions at the Capitol, Frankfort, KY
Earth, PYRO Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 2007 *4 Seasons-4Directions*, Weyrich Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
Kentucky Visions at the Capitol, Frankfort, KY
Kentucky Visions at the Living Arts and Science Center, Lexington, K
Visual Glossary: Images and Words, Naropa University, Boulder, CO
Circles of the Season, Kentucky Artisan Center, Berea, KY
- 2006 *Holiday Bazaar*, Womanmade Gallery, Chicago, IL
Fifth Anniversary in Poetics, Women’s Institute and Gallery, New Harmony, IN
117th Annual Exhibition, National Association of Women Artists, GoggleWorks, Reading, PA
Small Works, Gallery 423, Columbus, IN
- 2005 *116th Annual Exhibition*, National Association of Women Artists Gallery, New York, NY
From Women’s Hands: In Response, Art Space, Berea Arts Council, KY
Master CraftWorks: Kentucky, College of Mt. St. Joseph, Cincinnati, OH
More Honest, More Real, More True, Morlan Gallery, Transylvania University, Lexington, KY
Art of the Garden, Ohio Craft Museum, Columbus, OH
- 2004 *Francisco’s Farm*, Midway College, KY
Honoring the Ancestors, Weyrich Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2003 *Paper, INC*, Grovewood Gallery, Asheville, NC
Wish You Were Here, Cork Gallery, Lincoln Center, New York, NY
- 2002 *Reading Between the Lines*, Gallery on the Square, Danville, KY
- 2000 *Eccentric Secret Garden Tour*, Boulder, CO
- 1999 *Artists in Support of the Peace Process*, Ennis, Ireland
- 1998 *Faculty Art Show*, Naropa University, Boulder, CO
Techno Cosmic Mass, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
American Zodiac, Memory Theater, Emmanuel Gallery, University of Colorado, Denver
- 1995 *Day of the Dead Zodiac, Memory Theater*, Boulder Artist Gallery, Boulder, CO
- 1994 *Shamanic Search for Soul*, University of Massachusetts
- 1993 *Craft Design ‘90*, Colorado Artist Craftsman, Boulder, CO
- 1990 *Ritual Art Show*, Panache Gallery, Denver, CO
The Dollmakers, Civilization Gallery, Boulder, CO
Designer Showhouse, Junior Symphony Guild, Denver, CO
Exhibit, Craftwork Gallery, Houston, TX
All Souls: Sacred Symbols, Time and Space, Spruce Center, Boulder, CO
- 1989 *Sacred Objects: Art as Medicine, Magic and Myth*, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art
All Soul’s: Sacred Symbols, Time and Space, Spruce Center, Boulder, CO
Craft Design ‘88, Colorado Artist Craftsman, Boulder, CO
- 1988 *Visions of Peace*, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, CO
Handmade Music and Masks, Lodestone Gallery, Boulder, CO
Designer Showhouse, Junior Symphony Guild, Denver, CO
Galleria, Denver Art Center, Denver, CO

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- 1987 *Visions of Peace*, Boulder Center for the Visual Arts (BMoCA), Boulder, CO
Boxes-Books, River Gallery, Denver, CO
Annual Exhibit, Art League, Alexandria, VA
- 1983 *Second Annual Woman's Show*, Gallery Triangle, Washington, DC
- 1980 *Hot Pots*, Boulder, CO
- 1976 *Karma Dzung Annual Exhibit*, Boulder, CO
Four Woman Show, Pearl St. Gallery, Boulder, CO
- 1975 *Karma Dzung Annual Exhibit*, Boulder, CO
- 1974 *Karma Dzung Annual Exhibit*, Boulder, CO
- 1973 *Textiles Show*, Boulder, CO
Karma Dzung Annual Exhibit, Boulder, CO
- 1972 Tom Thumb Gallery, Aspen CO
Women's Exhibition, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
Imagi Gallery, Estes Park, CO
Karma Dzung Annual Exhibit, Boulder, CO
- 1971 *Karma Dzung Annual Exhibit*, Boulder, CO
Denver Civic Ballet Guild Exhibition, Denver, CO
International Exhibit, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
- 1969 *Allentown Annual Art Festival*, Buffalo, NY
- 1968 *Allentown Annual Art Festival*, Buffalo, NY

JURIED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Illustrated Word*, two year traveling exhibit with Kentucky Arts Council
225: Artists Celebrate Kentucky's History, Kentucky Artisan Center, Berea, KY
Gridworks Revisited, New Editions Gallery, Lexington, KY
- 2016 *This is 50*, Kentucky Gallery, Lexington, KY
- 2015 *DRAWN to Kentucky*, LexArts, Arts Place, Lexington, KY
notBIG(3), M S Rezny Studio/Gallery, Lexington, KY
Horizon; Contemporary Landscape, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
- 2014 *The Art Movement Gallery*, Lexington, KY
Art Comes Alive 2012, Art Design Consultants, Cincinnati, OH
- 2012 *Visions at the Capitol*, Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY
KY Crafted: the Market, Lexington, KY
- 2011 *KY Crafted: the Market*, Louisville, KY
- 2010 *Bluegrass Biennial*, Claypool-Young Art Gallery, MSU, Morehead, KY
KY Crafted: the Market, Louisville, KY
- 2009 *Mellwood Art Fair*, Louisville, KY
Visual Arts at the Market, Louisville, KY
- 2008 *Exploring Multiple Dimensions*, Albuquerque Museum of Art
- 2007 *Floral Works*, Kentucky Artisan Center, Berea, KY
Francisco's Farm, Midway, Kentucky
CONNECTIONS: we are all one, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
- 2006 *NAWA Small Works Exhibition*, Karpeles Library Museum, Newburgh, NY
and Port of Call Gallery, Warwick, NY
Layered Meanings, Claremont Forum Gallery, Claremont, CA
Ohio Designer Craftsmen Best of 2006, Ohio Craft Museum, Columbus, OH;
Artspace, Lima, OH; and Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, OH

- 117th Annual Exhibition, National Association of Women Artists, GoggleWorks, Reading, PA
 Winterfair, Cincinnati
- 2005 *Visual Arts at the Market*, Louisville, KY
On the Edge, Peninsula Fine Art Center, Newport News, VA,
Summer Salon, Ward-Nasse Gallery, New York, NY
 Winterfair, Cincinnati, Award for Excellence
- 2004 *Arts on Main*, 2004 Shelbyville Horse Show Jubilee, Shelbyville, KY
First Frontier Collage Society 5th Annual Open Exhibition, Guadalupe Arts Center, Austin, TX
Visual Arts at the Market, Louisville, KY
Fire in the Heart – the Creative Process, Schneider Museum of Art, Ashland, OR
- 2003 *Her Mark*, Womanmade Gallery, Chicago, IL
Holiday Bazaar, Womanmade Gallery, Chicago, IL
Arts on Main, 2003 Shelbyville Horse Show Jubilee, Shelbyville, KY
Summer Salon, Ward-Nasse Gallery, New York, NY
- 2002 *Tides of Change*, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, TX
- 2001 Society of Layerists in Multi-Media Show, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Earth Spirit, Heistand Galleries, Miami University, Oxford, OH
- 2000 *Musings of the Millennium*, Pomerance Center for the Arts, Coshocton, OH

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- 2017 *Sun Worship, Hawk Prayer Feather, Turkey Feather Fan*, UK HealthCare, Lexington, KY
- 2015 *Poppy Poem 6*, Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library, University of KY
Song for Superb Parrot, St. Joseph Hospital East, Lexington, KY
- 2011 *Garden of Healing, Garden of Hope*, UK HealthCare, Lexington, KY
Above and Beyond, KY Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort, KY
 Legacy Trail Blazes, Lexington, KY
- 2010 Calypso Grill, Boulder, CO, Murals
- 2007 *Sweet Dreams*, Kentucky Arts Council
- 1993 Southern Exposure Restaurant, Boulder, CO, Murals and Petroglyphs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 *Horizon*, lecture, Community Art Center, Danville KY
- 2013 *Annual Open Studios ARTTOUR*, founder, organizer, ongoing
- 2012 *Inspiration*, lecture, Community Art Center, Danville KY
- 2009 Kentucky Peer Advisory Network, Kentucky Arts Council
How to Make a Living as a Professional Artist, lecture, Kentucky Arts Council
- 2006 Show & Workshop Coordinator, *CONNECTIONS: we are all one*, Lexington, KY
 Panel Moderator, *Pentimento*, SLMM Conference, Williamsburg, VA

PUBLICATIONS (*REVIEWS)

- 2016 *Bobbie Curd, Advocate Messenger, *Drawn to the Earth*, 4.4
 *Bobbie Curd, Advocate Messenger, *50 Shades of Sage*, 3.1
- 2015 *Bobbie Curd, Advocate Messenger, *Bejeweling Power*, 3.16, C3
 Donna Druchunas, *Stories in Stitches 4*
- 2013 KET Public Television, *Kentucky Life* feature documentary #1901 Fall Season Premiere 2013
 *Bobbie Curd, Advocate Messenger, *Inspired by Nature*, 6.3, C3

- 2012 *Bobbie Curd, Advocate Messenger, *Community Art Center Gears Up...*, 12.25, C3
- 2011 *Rachel Dean, *Shaker Village Holds...*, Harrodsburg Herald, 8.13, B1
- 2009 *Jennifer Brummett, *Avian Appeal*, The KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 9.13, C1
*Stephanie Schell, *40 years strong*, Feature article, The KY Advocate, 9.21, C10
- 2008 *Rachel Dean, *Local Artist Kathleen O'Brien...*, Harrodsburg Herald, 2.28, B1
Central Kentucky Lifestyle, December 2007 – January 2008, p.4
MC Nelson, *Crop Circles; An Art of Our Time*, Fresco Fine Art Pub., Albuquerque, NM, p.109-112
- 2007 Jacqueline Hall, *Exhibit Showcases Top-notch Crafts*, *Columbus Dispatch*, 7.23
- 2006 *Nancy Bronner, *CONNECTIONS: We Are All One*, Arts Across Kentucky, fall issue, p. 44-46
Sacred Fire, Exploring Pathways of Heart, winter issue, p.8, 36-39
*Debbie Cook, *Mercer Artist Draws Her Inspiration From Nature*, Harrodsburg Herald, 7.21, B1
- 2005 *Jennifer Brummett, *Mercer County Visual Artist to Exhibit in Three Consecutive Shows*,
The KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 2.27, E2
*J. Brummett, *Local Artist Accepted for Membership in N.A.W.A.*, KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 4.11
- 2004 *Jennifer Brummett, *Local Artist Wins Award*, The KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 3.21
*Jennifer Brummett, *Mercer County Visual Artist ...*, The KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 2.15
*Sherron Twitchell, *Pages from the Book of Light*, Arts Across Kentucky, fall issue, p.18-20
The Art of Layering: Making Connections, Society of Layerists in Multi-Media, Pub., p. 121
*Constance Richards, *A New View of Paper*, Citizen-Times, Asheville, NC, 7.20, B3
- 2003 *Jennifer Brummett, *Nature As An Inspiration*, The KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 9.28, E1
*Wesley Pulkka, *Shows Contrast Expectations*, Albuquerque, NM, 11.9, F5
*Emily Toadvine, *Art With Vision*, The KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 3.25, D1
- 2001 Naropa University Extended Studies Catalogues, Boulder, CO
- 1998 *The Boulder Creek Watershed*, Naropa University Press, Boulder, CO
- 1997 *One Source, Sacred Journeys: A Celebration of Spirit & Visionary Art*, Markowitz Pub.
*Jennifer Heath, *Paintings Speak the Language of Dreams*, Boulder Planet, 5.14
*Clay Evans, *Womens' Work*, Boulder Daily Camera, 12.14
Shaman's Drum, Journal of Experiential Shamanism, Number 42
- 1996 Naropa University Extended Studies Catalogues, Boulder, CO
Naropa University Extended Studies Catalogues, Boulder, CO
- 1995 * Jennifer Heath, *Artist Fashions Objects From Wild Things*, Boulder Daily Camera, 10.27
- 1991 * Jennifer Heath, *Original Thoughts*, Boulder Daily Camera, 5.19
Spiritual Sciences Institute Journal, staff artist
- 1983 *Straight Creek Journal*
- 1971 Boulder Free School Catalogues
- 1970 Boulder Magazine

GROUPS

- 2014 *Progress Lounge*, with Cigdem Kobu
- 2009 Kentucky Peer Advisory Network, Kentucky Arts Council
- 2009 Southern Artist Federation
- 2007 Platinum 10, Kentucky Arts Council
National Association of Women Artists
- 2004 Ohio Designer Craftsmen
Society of Layerists in Multi-Media, full member, Board of Directors 2004-2007
- 2000 Gathering Artists, Danville, KY

COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- 2019 *Entrepreneur Program*, Arts Commission of Danville/Boyle County
- 2014 *Floral Freeway Project*, Give into the Groove
52 Sound Paintings, with Helen Davey, composer
H'Artful of Fun: Nightfall, The Living Arts & Science Center, Lexington, KY
- 2013 Founder, Annual Open Studios ARTTOUR in Mercer and Boyle Counties, KY, ongoing
- 2010 *Legacy Trail Blazes*, Lexington, KY
- 2008 *H'Artful of Fun, An Evening at the Factory*, Living Arts & Science Center, Lexington, KY
- 2006 Show & Conference Coordinator, *CONNECTIONS: we are all one*, Lexington, KY
- 2005 *H'Artful of Fun, Carnevale di Venezia*, Living Arts & Science Center, Lexington, KY
Pentimento Panel Moderator, SLMM Annual Conference, Williamsburg, VA
Accepted into Archives of National Museum of Women in the Arts
- 2004 Jury Panel, Kentucky Arts Council, Visual Arts at the Market
Society of Layerists in Multi-Media Board Member 2004-2007
- 1998 Boulder Women's Co-Op
- 1996 Hostess, seasonal Memory Theater Events, ongoing
- 1990 Jump Start the Arts, Dairy Center, Boulder, CO
- 1989 Judge, IBM Employee Art Show, Boulder, CO
Boulder Artist Gallery, Studio Tours
- 1988 Boulder Artist Gallery, Studio Tours
- 1986 Staff Artist, Spiritual Sciences Institute
Aids, Medicine and Miracles, and numerous other silent auction donations, ongoing
Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Foundation, Graphics for fundraising
- 1974 Ward Public Library Exhibits
- 1971 Founding Member & Treasurer, Boulder Arts and Crafts Co-op, Boulder, CO

FORMER REPRESENTATION

- M S Rezny Studio/Gallery, Lexington, KY 2013-2016
- Ward-Nasse Gallery, NY, NY 2001-2016
- Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, KY 2002-2016
- Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, OH, 2006-2009
- Artique, Lexington, KY, 2004- 2007
- Miya Gallery, Weaverville, NC 2005-2006
- River's Edge Gallery, Cincinnati Airport 2004-2006
- Groewood Gallery, Asheville, NC 2003-2006
- Runako Gallery, Louisville, Kentucky 2005
- Contemporary Artifacts Gallery, Berea, KY, 2001-2005
- Gallery on the Square, Danville, KY, 2000-2002
- America House, Piedmont-on-Hudson, NY, 2002
- Hichiwa Studios, Denver, CO, 1990-1993
- Dunbar-Morss Gallery, Boulder, CO, 1990-1992
- Mountain Shadow Gallery, Boulder, CO, 1988-1989
- Craftwork Gallery, Houston, TX, 1990
- Gallery Mendacino, Mendacino, CA, 1976
- Pearl Street Gallery, Boulder, CO, 1974-1976
- La Tortue Gallery, Aspen, Co 1973

Egress Gallery, Boulder, CO, 1973
Boulder Arts & Crafts, Inc. Boulder, CO, 1971-1974
Spectrum Gallery, Estes Park, CO, 1971-1972
Niwot Gallery, Niwot, CO, 1972
Orangutang Gallery, Boulder, CO, 1971-1972

TEACHING

2014 *Sunwise Celebrations*, continuing year-round events at Sunwise Farm & Sanctuary
2009 Mercer County Public Library, *paint, draw, collage*
1998 Naropa University Extended Studies, Boulder, CO, *Painting our Shamanic Visions*, fall
1996 Naropa University Extended Studies, Boulder, CO, *Making Rattles*, fall
1990 Private Studio Classes, to PRESENT
1980 Corcoran School of Art, Washington, DC, Teaching assistant, Bill Newman, oil painting
1978 Lab School of the Kingsbury Center, Leathercraft, Washington, DC
1968 Association for Retarded Children, Art, Buffalo, NY

EDUCATION

1978-80 Corcoran School of Art, Washington, D.C., Teaching Assistant to William Newman
1966-68 Rosary Hill College, now Daemen Collage, Buffalo, NY, BFA Program.
1967 Kuntschule Rödel, Mannheim, Germany, printmaking
Tutored by James H. O'Brien I, painter and grandfather, until age 14