

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

2023	Alexander's Library, Lexington Public Library, Eastside Branch, Lexington, KY
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, K 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, (3nd 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
	2 nd 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 1970	Whimsies, Private Properties Gallery, Washington, D.C. Recent Work, Living Room Gallery, Buffalo, NY
	AWARDS
2014	Honorable Mention, More & more, MS Rezny Studio Gallery
2012	Al Smith Fellowship, Kentucky Arts Council
2010	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
1988	Individual Artist Professional Development Grant, Kentucky Arts Council Boulder Expression, Best of Show Award, Boulder, CO
1972	Boulder Public Library Exhibit, First Place Prize, Boulder, CO
2020	INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS 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
2014	New Work, Mercer County Public Library New Year, New Art, Community Arts Center, Danville, KY
2011	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
2013	Project 52 Sound Paintings, with Helen Davey, online Kentucky Treasures, First Lady's Office - State Capitol, Frankfort, KY
2010	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 Dzong Annual Exhibit, Boulder, CO
	Four Woman Show, Pearl St. Gallery, Boulder, CO
1975	Karma Dzong Annual Exhibit, Boulder, CO
1974	Karma Dzong Annual Exhibit, Boulder, CO
1973	Textiles Show, Boulder, CO
	Karma Dzong Annual Exhibit, Boulder, CO
1972	Tom Thumb Gallery, Aspen CO
	Women's Exhibition, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
	Imagi Gallery, Estes Park, CO
1071	Karma Dzong Annual Exhibit, Boulder, CO
1971	Karma Dzong 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
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	JURIED GROUP EXHIBITIONS
2022	Women in Art, online, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
2021	Isolation Chronicles, online Art NXT Level, International
	Rock Paper Scissors, online Art Connects Lex
	Beginnings/Endings, online Art Connects Lex
	Opening, online Art NXT Level, International
2017	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
2044	KY Crafted: the Market, Lexington, KY
2011	KY Crafted: the Market, Louisville, KY
2010	Bluegrass Biennial, Claypool-Young Art Gallery, MSU, Morehead, KY
2000	KY Crafted: the Market, Louisville, KY
2009	Mellwood Art Fair, Louisville, KY Vioual Arts at the Market Louisville, KV
2000	Visual Arts at the Market, Louisville, KY Exploring Multiple Dimensions, Albuquerque Museum of Art
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2007	Floral Works, Kentucky Artisan Center, Berea, KY
	Francisco's Farm, Midway, Kentucky

2006	CONNECTIONS: we are all one, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY 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
2005	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
2000	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, <i>Drawn to the Earth</i> , 4.4

2015	*Bobbie Curd, Advocate Messenger, <i>Bejeweling Power</i> , 3.16, C3 Donna Druchunas, <i>Stories in Stitches 4</i>
2013	KET Public Television, <i>Kentucky Life</i> feature documentary #1901 Fall Season Premiere 2013 *Bobbie Curd, Advocate Messenger, <i>Inspired by Nature</i> , 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, <i>Avian Appeal</i> , The KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 9.13, C1 *Stephanie Schell, <i>40 years strong</i> , Feature article, The KY Advocate, 9.21, C10
2008	*Rachel Dean, <i>Local Artist Kathleen O'Brien</i> , 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, <i>Nature As An Inspiration</i> , The KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 9.28, E1
	*Wesley Pulkka, Shows Contrast Expectations, Albuquerque, NM, 11.9, F5
2001	*Emily Toadvine, <i>Art With Vision</i> , The KY Advocate, Danville, KY, 3.25, D1
2001	Naropa University Extended Studies Catalogues, Boulder, CO
1998 1997	The Boulder Creek Watershed, Naropa University Press, Boulder, CO One Source, Sacred Journeys: A Celebration of Spirit & Visionary Art, Markowitz Pub.
1997	*Jennifer Heath, <i>Paintings Speak the Language of Dreams</i> , 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
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1995	* Jennifer Heath, <i>Artist Fashions Objects From Wild Things</i> , Boulder Daily Camera, 10.27
1991	* Jennifer Heath, <i>Original Thoughts</i> , Boulder Daily Camera, 5.19
	Spiritual Sciences Institute Journal, staff artist
1983	Straight Creek Journal
1971	Boulder Free School Catalogues
1970	Boulder Magazine
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0014	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
2012	H'Artful of Fun: Nightfall, The Living Arts & Science Center, Lexington, KY
20132010	Founder, Annual Open Studios ARTTOUR in Mercer and Boyle Counties, KY, ongoing Legacy Trail Blazes, Lexington, KY
2010	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 1989	Jump Start the Arts, Dairy Center, Boulder, CO Judge, IBM Employee Art Show, Boulder, CO
1707	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
	Grovewood 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