

Artists Bio - Kimberly Fragola



I have loved art from the time I could remember. I was raised in New York forty five minutes outside of Manhattan. During my teen years I would take the train into Manhattan and then the bus to The Metropolitan Museum of Art. I enjoyed sketching from the sculptures at the Met. As a child I traveled all over Western Europe, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, experiencing art history first hand. I have family in Italy so every summer and winter vacation from school I would spend in Italy. In the winters I would ski in the French and Italian Alps. In the summer I would hang out in the Italian countryside riding horses and experiencing Italian culture first hand. I have Bachelors of Fine Art from Purchase College in Purchase New York. During my last year of my Undergraduate Degree I studied abroad at Lorenzo de'Medici, The Italian International Institute and the same school that Leonardo DaVinci studied at. While at Lorenzo de'Medici I took classes in PinHole Photography, History of Italian Costume in Painting, Italian Language, and Intaglio and Aquatinting Printmaking. I believe that the time I spent in Western Europe while growing up has had a strong influence on my style, what I create, and my color pallet. As a child when someone would ask me what I wanted to be when

I grew up I would say a famous artist, that is still true today. I never could decide on a favorite medium. Oil painting was my first love but over the years that has changed. I love photography, wood burning, drawing, mixed media collage, watercolor painting, and Gelli printing. I have been an art teacher for eighteen years and enjoy sharing my passion for art and creating something from nothing with my students.

I moved to North Carolina in 2007. I enjoy tent camping, hiking, and being outdoors. Landscapes are my favorite subject to paint and draw. I am just as creative in the kitchen with cooking as baking as I am with the visual arts and designing lesson plans for my students. I love to create my own recipes and experiment with creating different types of food. My favorite food is traditional Indian Food. When I retire from teaching I plan to live in Boone NC in a small log cabin overlooking a creek with a view of the mountains. Eventually I would like to become an art therapist and have my own practice in Boone when I retire from teaching. I will be starting my graduate degree and my journey towards becoming an art therapist this coming summer.

Professional Events	<i>Senior Exhibition, Purchase College</i>	<i>NY</i>	<i>Spring 2001</i>
	<i>Sculpture Exhibition The Maas Gallery, Purchase</i>	<i>NY</i>	<i>Spring 1999</i>
	<i>Personal Art Display Binders Art Store, Charlotte</i>	<i>NC</i>	<i>Spring 2013</i>
	<i>Personal Watercolor Paintings Displayed</i>		<i>Spring 2013</i>
	<i>Nancy Couick Studios, Charlotte</i>	<i>NC</i>	
	<i>Watercolor Still Life - Sold</i>		<i>\$900 2013</i>
	<i>Watercolor Painting - Commission</i>		<i>\$300 2013</i>
	<i>Sold Watercolor Painting -</i>		<i>\$700 2013</i>
	<i>Oil Painting Sold - Commission</i>		<i>\$1,500 2001</i>
	<i>Sold Watercolor Painting -</i>		<i>\$950 2018</i>
	<i>Sold Photograph -</i>		<i>\$65 2018</i>
	<i>Solo Art Show - "A Beautiful World Through My Lens"</i>		<i>2018</i>
	<i>Hiddenite Arts & Heritage Center - Lucas Mansion Gallery</i>		
	<i>Adult Division Regional Artist Exhibit and Competition</i>		<i>2019</i>
	<i>Hiddenite Arts & Heritage Center - Lucas Mansion Gallery</i>		<i>2020</i>
	<i>Awarded two first place ribbons</i>		
	<i>- Pencil Drawing & Chalk pastel pencil drawing</i>		
	<i>Awarded two honorable mention ribbons</i>		
	<i>- Wood burning & Photography</i>		
	<i>Walmart Mural Winner - Taylorsville NC & Roanoke VA</i>		<i>2020</i>
	<i>Hiddenite Arts & Heritage Center - Lucas Mansion</i>		<i>2024</i>
	<i>Awarded - 1 First Place - Colored Pencil Drawing - 3 Honorable Mention - Watercolor-Photography-Woodburning</i>		
	<i>Hickory Art Museum - United Arts Council of Catawba - Teacher Display</i>		<i>2024</i>
	<i>Sold watercolor painting -</i>		<i>\$150</i>
	<i>Patrick Beaver Library - Watercolor - Acrylic - Photography</i>		<i>2024</i>
	<i>Patrick Beaver Library - Gelli Printing & Drawing</i>		<i>2025</i>

