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JOAN SKIMMONS,  
JAYNE CAPPELLETTI,  
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PUBLIC ART, CITY HALL GALLERY



### Jayne Cappelletti – Artist Statement

I have had an interest in art since my earliest days in grade school where I eagerly awaited the Tuesday afternoon art classes. My mom started art classes in oil painting in the early 1970's, and when I saw her work, I was encouraged to try painting in oils myself. I never took lessons, but I dabbled in oil painting for a few years. Eventually family and work took precedence, and I put away my brushes and paints.

After I retired, I started taking formal classes in watercolor in Arizona, and then acrylic and watercolor with Laura Eassey Jones and Chris Sommerfelt at the Wauwatosa Recreation Center until I felt accomplished enough to exhibit my work. In the last few years, I have been exhibiting my work in Wisconsin and Arizona.

Membership in Wauwatosa Artists workshop, and Waukesha Creative Art League have helped me share my passion in art with others.

I have won State Awards at the Waukesha/Oconomowoc WRAP shows in 2020 and 2021.

I come from a very creative family since both my parents painted and my sister and brother paint and exhibit their art. There is some sibling rivalry involved, but it helps to have friendly critiques, and keeps me working at my best.

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### Artist Statement Joan Skimmions Contact: [riversendgallery.com](http://riversendgallery.com)

My paintings are created in oil and/or acrylic paints and I paint all types of subject matter. My style is very loose realism to abstract.

I love art and enjoy the company of artists. The art created makes people smile and there is nothing better in life than to see the joy in someone's eyes when they find that special painting. And, of course, I am so very pleased when one of my paintings finds a new home.

I have studied under many wonderful artists, the most recent is William Schneider, who has the designation of Master-Signature painter awarded by Oil Painters of America. I have taken multiple classes at his studio in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

I started painting in oils at nine years old and painted until age 15. Then I stopped to gain an education, work to fund the education, build a career, all while raising a family. During this time, I would take an art class and create some paintings for my home and friends. I always promised myself that I would go back to art fulltime in retirement. However, I immersed myself into art much sooner.

In 2001, I began to paint actively and in 2006, I purchased a building, remodeled it and opened the River's End Gallery in Waukesha and later in Elm Grove. I have sold hundreds of my paintings to clients all over the country and internationally. I have enjoyed my many commissions to paint something special for a client (more than 300 commissions over the 19 years.)

In 2018, I retired from my position of Senior Vice President in a large technology company where I worked as a marketing and sales professional to become a full-time artist. My career required my working with advertising agencies and wonderful artists. I have been very lucky to have art in my entire life.

My gallery, River's End Gallery, closed in July 2024. Since then, I have joined multiple art groups and have begun to exhibit as listed in my Artist Resume.

#### Memberships:

- American Impressionist Society
- Art Guild of Menomonee Falls
- League of Milwaukee Artists
- Waukesha Creative Arts League
- Wauwatosa Artists Workshop



### John Klug – Artist Statement

Art is something I was exposed to as a small boy. Both of my parents had artistic talent. My father owned a contracting business for which he designed house facades and drew plans. My mother enjoyed creating oil paintings that are treasured by the family.

In my teen years I drew houses, their floor plans and cars for fun. However, when it came time to make education choices for high school and university, I focused my efforts towards a pursuit in business. After completing my schooling, all my time was devoted to my family and my career in finance. I retired in 2013. With my new found free time, in 2014 I began art lessons, reigniting my interest in art.

I now create, exhibit and am fortunate to sell my original paintings. While the expression of art takes many forms and is created in a variety of styles, my preferred style is realism. I enjoy the straightforward representation of the subject matter. I choose that style, a palette of bright colors and select subject matter to evoke a sense of pure enjoyment. My medium is acrylics which I feel helps me best accomplish these goals in my paintings. All work is original.

Finishing a painting gives me great satisfaction. The ultimate satisfaction comes when a person chooses one of my paintings to make their own.

I have done many exhibits. I was represented in Rivers End Gallery Waukesha WI until its closing in 2024. Currently my art is exhibited in MoeChic Barn Shops in Brookfield WI. I hold memberships in League of Milwaukee Artists, Waukesha Creative Arts League and Wauwatosa Artists Workshop.

My art is also on exhibit at [www.RiversEndGallery.com](http://www.RiversEndGallery.com) and John Klug Facebook. [JohnKlug-Artist@wi.rr.com](mailto:JohnKlug-Artist@wi.rr.com) to make a purchase or discuss a commission project.













































