

## **KM Artist Bio**

I am an art teacher at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, Maryland and have taught there for twenty-five years now. Currently, I teach art classes at all levels, Art I - IV. Prior to teaching at Wilde Lake, I taught at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis, IN., for five years. Before I came to the United States I worked as the Visual Art Officer at the Belltable Art Center Limerick, Ireland. This is where I began my art studies in Limerick School of Art and Design, Limerick, Ireland and later at Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana.

Working in an art gallery in Ireland has helped me understand the importance of promoting visual art within the community. At school I sponsor our chapter of the National Art Honor Society and try to encourage young people to share their art skills with others. I help students find ways to use their creative skills to share what they do with our community by creating student exhibits, designing posters, and fundraising with our artwork to help those in need. All the time I try to encourage my students to exhibit their artwork in local and national exhibitions and art competitions. I want them to see the value of creating and sharing our creations with the community.

### **Exhibitions**

2023 - Art Howard County, Ho. Co. Center for the Arts, Ellicott City, MD

Awarded Best Narrative Artwork

2023 - Columbia Paint Out Exhibition, Columbia Art Center, Long Reach Village Center

2023 - Ellicott City Plein Air Exhibition, Howard Co. Tourist Office, Old Ellicott City

2020 - Local Color, Artist Gallery, Ellicott City, MD

2020 - Howard County Open, Howard County Center for the Arts, Ellicott City, MD

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2019 - National Art Education Association, Alexandria, VA.

2018/19 - Laurel Art Guild Open Exhibition, Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel, MD

2017/19 – Art of Stewardship, Howard County Conservancy, Woodbine, Maryland.

Awarded Best of Show 2018, Honorable Mention 2019

2017/18 - Boyle Arts Festival, Co. Roscommon, Ireland

2023 -1998 – Art Teacher as Artist Biennale, Howard County

2016 – Artist Galley, American City Building, Columbia MD

2014 – All Hung, Montpelier Art Center, Laurel, MD

2001-04 - 12 X 12 Winter Park, Orlando, Florida