**KIMBERLY** COOK

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Always learning and experimenting, I am an artist. Since I was a child, I have always drawn or painted, playing with colors, shapes and textures. My formal training began in high school with some fantastic art teachers, then continued in college to focus on 3D sculpture with a focus on wood and marble.

Over the years, I have expressed myself through drawing, painting, mixed media collage, and jewelry making. My most recent endeavors since 2020 have focused on acrylic and mixed media painting evolving my styles. In 2024, I created 2 collections. The first collection is 12 pieces of acrylic on canvas with gold leaf that depict Asian themes such as Geishas, cranes, koi and peacocks with hint of art nouveau styling. I pulled inspiration from artists such as Klimt and Mucha for this collection. The second collection is a set of bold and abstract animals that allowed me to work quickly and more loosely. The animal collection is becoming a very popular collection.

 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Fine Artist**

* Upcoming: November 2024 – Broad Avenue Art Walk, Memphis, TN
* 2023-2024 DeSoto Arts Council (member), Hernando, MS
	+ September 2024, Group show
* 2021-2024 Representation at Feelin Memphis Boutique, Memphis, TN
	+ Abstract floral paintings, abstract Hernando DeSoto Bridge paintings, and polymer clay jewelry
* 2022-2023 Southaven Chamber of Commerce
	+ Two individual artist shows at CC luncheons
* 2020-2021 Representation at T Clifton Gallery, Memphis, TN
	+ Abstract floral paintings
* 2021 (June) – Trolley Night, Memphis, TN
* 2021 (April) – Makers Pop-Up Market, Southaven MS
* 2021-2022 Southaven Arts Council (member), Southaven, MS
	+ Group show at Southaven library (January 2021)
* 2021-Current, Fine Art America representation online
* 2016 – Black Earth Gallery group show, Cedar Rapids, IA
* 2016 (September) – NewBo Arts Show, Cedar Rapids, IA
* 2015 – 2X2 Group Show, Cedar Rapids, IA
* 2015-2017 – Vice President, Artisan’s Sanctuary, Cedar Rapids, IA
	+ Contributing artist and marketing director

**Skills**

* Acrylic painting
* Mixed media painting
* Pen and ink illustrations
* Polymer clay jewelry
* Mixed media jewelry (copper, leather, semiprecious stones)

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**1991-1993 Kennesaw State University** - Kennesaw, GA, Art Education major with 3D Sculpture minor

**1990-1991 University of Georgia** - Athens, GA, Art Education major