

Judith Ferguson, painter and fiber artist, studied design and art history at Ottawa University in Ottawa Kansas. While living in St. Louis she studied with Master painter, Dhimitri Zonia, for ten years, and Giesella Bulle, for two years. For the past eleven years Judy has served as a Docent at the Springfield Art Museum. She currently volunteers her time working as an art educator at Doling Park Senior Center. Judy regularly exhibits at the Waverly House Galleries, the Gillioz Theater, J.K. Hammonds Hall, Springfield area Libraries, Machinos, Springfield Regional Arts Council, Springfield National Airport , the Polish Pottery Shop, Bambinos, and other various exhibits and galleries around Springfield. She is a member of the Regional Arts Council and Studio 55 Fine Arts Guild.

Jacqueline Lake Johnson (Jackie) is our other featured artist. Jackie knew she loved to draw, use color and create things at an early age. At the late age of 47 she started to teach herself to paint, choosing watercolor as her medium. Not knowing it was an difficult choice for her impatient personality, she endeavored to do her best , actually doing some paintings she was quite proud of. Wanting to spread her wings she tried acrylics, then ventured into oils. She finally found her niche! She has honed her skills by taking different art classes and workshops with Larry Clingman, Jason Sacron and Larry DeGraff. She is grateful that Studio 55 has given her the opportunity to exhibit and sell her work in many shows and events around Springfield

“Art isn't just a wonderful way to express oneself, it's the way many people can connect to each other without knowing each others names. It's a bridge for us to use when words aren't enough. Whether its paintings, sculptures, cloth creations, pottery, photography or carvings. There are so many ways to tell our stories of this world.”