



## Jeanette Wright-Claus

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Jeanette is a visual artist DBA/Creative Dreams.

Inspired by an episode of the Oprah Winfrey show in 2000. During which she encouraged viewers to follow spirit by pursuing their passion. In June 2001 Jeanette founded Creative Dreams and participated in her very first artist market at The Performing Arts Center, MKE.

Jeanette expressed an interest in the arts throughout her life. At Lincoln and Rufus King High School she studied visual art. After deciding to pursue her passion Jeanette studio trained under artist Jim Hemphel and Sylvester Sims. Creating with various media and styles of art drawing and paintings. At MATC Jeanette studied art history.

Jeanette's art has been exhibited by galleries including: Alfons, Greer Oaks, Latino Arts INC., Walker's Point Center for the Arts, Uihlien Peters, Schauer Arts Center, Milwaukee Art Museum, DuSable Museum, and more.

Her service to her community has been as an artist and curator for social change. Working with art as her vehicle, she aims to raise consciousness and promote positive change. In conjunction with 'Mothers against Gun Violence' Jeanette created, 'Life and Death, Today's Holocaust'. The photo and assemblage exhibition was displayed at Milwaukee's City Hall in 2005, the State Capitol Rotunda and WPCA in 2006. Jeanette has facilitated art workshops and art residencies at Milwaukee Public Libraries, Milwaukee Art Museum and Agape Community Center and more.

Jeanette served as an AmeriCorps VISTA (volunteers in service to America) a program focused on fighting poverty. In her roll as a VISTA Jeanette served as Community Engagement Coordinator in Neighborhood Development at Agape Community Center.

The education and experience gained at Cardinal Stritch University and the Neighborhood Leadership Institute, broadened and ignited her passion for community even more.

Facilitator and participant for community dialogue.

Jeanette has enjoyed several years of community gardening and loves to paint, draw and photograph her flowers, fruit, vegetables and herbs. She also loves cooking and creating from her garden.

**Affiliations:**

Alice's Garden and Herbal Apprentice Group

The Milwaukee Art Museum

Community Connections Small Grant Reviewer

Neighborhood Leadership Institute Alum

AmeriCorps Vista Alum