

# Lil Olive

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## PROFILE

Midwestern Artist, Adjunct Professor in Painting

Lil Olive holds an MFA in painting from Savannah College of Art and Design and is currently an adjunct professor in painting at Drury University in Springfield, Mo. She has participated in six solo exhibitions and numerous group exhibitions. Olive has also exhibited in one internationally juried show; *Ecoconsciousness*, 2020, juror Eleanor Heartney, and *Inspiration*, a nationally juried group show at Webster University in St. Louis, Mo. in 2018. Lil's work can be found in collections from Discovery Center Children's Museum in Springfield, Mo. to public and private collections across the Midwest.

## EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, Painting, Drury University Springfield, Mo. — 2021-present

Owner, Director, Good Girl Art Gallery, Springfield, Mo.—2001-2014

Responsible for running gallery with monthly shows, gift shop, and managed three employees.

RN, Oschner Hospital, New Orleans, La.—1984-1989

Experience in Orthopedics, Cardiology, Oncology, Rheumatology.

Nursing Tech, St. John's Hospital, Joplin Missouri, 1982-84

Press Secretary Assistant, Senator John Danforth Office, Washington D.C. 1981-1983

Copy Editor, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Washington D.C. 1980-1981

## EDUCATION

2022, MFA in Painting, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

1984, Associates Degree in Nursing, Missouri Southern State College, Joplin, Mo.

1980, Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, Missouri University, Columbia, Mo.

## EXHIBITION HISTORY

2023 *Their Story*, group exhibition, She/They Gallery, Santa Ana, California.

2022 *Sublime/Subliminal*, solo exhibition, Obelisk Art Gallery, Springfield, Mo.

2022 *The Language of Nature/MFA Thesis*, solo exhibition, Savannah College of Art and Design.

2021 *New Works*, solo exhibition, Obelisk Art Gallery, Springfield, Mo.

2020 *Ecoconsciousness*, juror Eleanor Heartney, an internationally juried show.

2019 *Earth Melancholia*, solo exhibition, Obelisk Home Art Gallery, Springfield, Mo.

2018 *Inspiration: A National Juried Group Exhibition Exploring Creative Expression*, Webster Arts Center, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.

2018 *It's Not Natural*, two-person exhibition, Bookmarx Bookstore, Springfield, Mo.  
2017 *Reflections and Other Water Offerings*, solo exhibition, Obelisk Art Gallery, Springfield, Mo.  
2016 *Spiva Invitational Group Show*, Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, Mo.  
2014 *New Works*, solo exhibition, Good Girl Art Gallery, Springfield, Mo.  
2013 *Tribute to Rose O'Neil*, group exhibition, Rose O'Neil House, Drury University, Springfield, Mo.  
2010 *Open Doors Invitational*, group exhibition, Creamery Arts Center, Springfield, Mo.  
2006 *Photo Spiva National Juried Competition*, Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, Mo.

2005 *Get Your Heart On*, group exhibition, Good Girl Art Gallery, Springfield, Mo.  
2004 *Keep Off the Grass*, two-person exhibition, Good Girl Art Gallery, Springfield, Mo.  
2003 *Eating Disorder Awareness*, group exhibition, Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo.  
2002 *Still Lives: Real and Imagined Two Person Show*, Carthage Art Central, Carthage, Mo.  
2000 *Photo Spiva, National Juried Competition*, Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, Mo.

1998 *Silos and Minarets*, solo exhibition, Mud House Coffee Shop, Springfield, Mo.  
1997 *Two Person Show*, Iron Horse Restaurant, Springfield, Mo.

#### Public Collections

Orthopedic Specialists of Springfield, Springfield, Mo.  
Rose O'Neil House, Drury University, Springfield, Mo.  
Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Mo.

#### Public Commissions

Two Murals, Discovery Center Children's Museum, Springfield Mo.

#### Publications

2020 *Ecoconsciousnes*, an internationally juried online catalogue and billboard show.  
2019 *Salann Magazine*, Artist Feature.  
2017 *Reflections and Other Water Offerings, The Poetry and Painting of Lil Olive*, Lulu Press.

1998 *The Art and Science of Chocolate*, Event Poster, Discovery Center Children's Museum, Springfield, Mo.  
1997 Album Cover, Frog Daddy Band.