

Final Touch Frame & Gallery

Where Framing Is an Art

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Nestled in the Brickyard Plaza, Final Touch Frame & Gallery has been the Venice community's choice for its framing needs since it opened its doors in 1989. After moving to its present location five years later, it has only continued to thrive under the creative direction of the current owner, Kathleen Winder, who truly has the gift of bringing out the extraordinary within a special piece of art or memento.

The daughter of two professional artists, Kathleen is a talented artist in her own right and a graduate of Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, where she majored in Fine Art with a minor in Print Making. Showcasing these combined skills, some of her own pieces grace the walls of her store. Through her fine arts background, Kathleen has developed a true craftsman's eye for framing, giving her matchless expertise when it comes to assisting her clients.

"Custom picture framing allows one to design their art to fit their personal taste," shares Kathleen, "and from elegant to edgy, we have your style, with about 2,000 framing choices available. It has evolved over the years as we see which methods have lasted for decades or even centuries. UV-filtered glass and conservation matting which won't stain the art are now the norm. Over the years, we have preserved and created displays for letters and maps; vacation souvenirs; family, pet, and wedding photos; military medals and flags; needlework and fine art; and sports memorabilia. We listen to our clients, get inspiration from the subject matter, and use a creative approach to the design. Having the best tools, materials, skill, and experience allows us to elevate everything we frame, so you can depend on us to craft something that's original and timeless."



Once you step through the front door of Final Touch and look at the big splashes of color underfoot, you will know, without a doubt, that you have arrived in an arty place. When asked about her inspiration in decorating her space, Kathleen says, "I wanted a creative experience that was unique to my gallery. It's all about how it makes you feel. From the paint-splattered floor to the walls that seem to drip with paint that pools on the floor, and display areas that are each a different color, I wanted visitors to feel inspired by the creative energy that surrounds them."

As you explore the store further, you'll find fine art watercolors by local artist and retired physician Heather McCullough. You'll also discover unique gifts and merchandise handmade by local and American artists who make their living creating clever, well-made products at a reasonable price. Among the many appealing items, you'll find framed art, wall hangings, mirrors, copper wind chimes, fossilized mermaid eggs, and candles that look and smell like freshly baked pies. You'll also see a variety of durable, fade-and-stain-resistant purses made from boat seat cover fabric, handmade earrings featuring unusual designs, a variety of whimsical ornaments made of blown and fused glass, wooden puzzles and brain teasers, and beautiful handcrafted quilled paper greeting cards. In explaining her selection criteria for these products, Kathleen explains, "I seek out things that are fun, funky, and functional. I like things that make

me laugh, that are cleverly made with unusual items or uniquely put together, and that can be used."

Discover Final Touch Frame & Gallery, and you'll find a destination where framing is truly an art.

For more information about this advertorial, call 941.484.7697 or log on to FinalTouchFrame.com. Located at 520 US-41 Bypass S. at the Brick Yard Plaza in Venice, Final Touch Frame & Gallery is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-Fri.; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat.; and Sunday by chance.

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Custom Picture Framing



Featuring Local Artist
Heather McCullough

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