



Final Touch Frame & Gallery

Where Framing Is an Art

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At the Brick Yard Plaza nestled near the courtyard, Final Touch Frame & Gallery has been the community's choice for its framing needs since opening its doors in Venice in 1989. Becoming a staple at its location for over 25 years, it has only continued to thrive under the creative direction of Kathleen Winder, who truly has the gift of bringing out the extraordinary within anything.

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 Printmaking. 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.

The year of 2020 made way for many indoor activities to shine, the most notable being the deep cleaning and organization of our homes. Many treasures and keepsakes found their way out of boxes and bedside tables, prompting owners to answer the question, keep it or toss it? At Final Touch, Kathleen had the opportunity to frame a 1960s music booklet and piccolo belonging to a grandfather who played in the band at University of Florida. For her clients, she also showcased three colorful abalone shells, a set of hospital-grade masks, and lots of puzzles.

One of the most intriguing items she framed was a client's collection of twelve vintage Molos crafted by the Guna women of the San Blas islands in Panama. Hand-stitched using a technique called reverse applique, these colorful fabrics are rare treasures. Although industries attempt to replicate them for tourists, an authentic Mola is one of

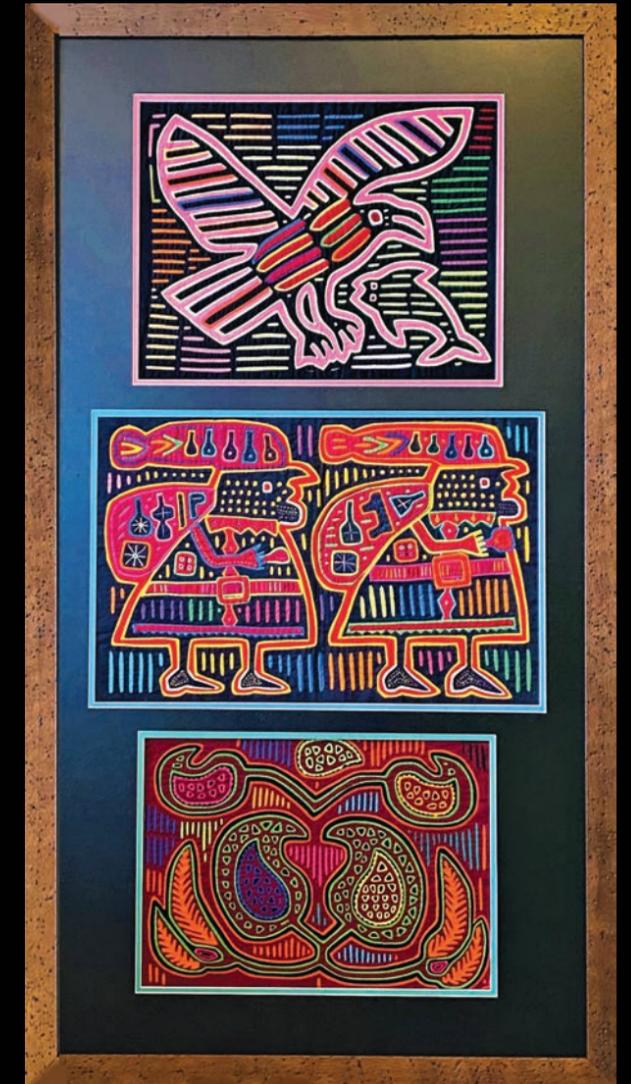


a kind. Under Kathleen's direction, these delicate cloths are now matted, styled, and displayed in five warm wood frames, a presentation bringing the owner's childhood memories to life.

"We listen to our clients, get inspiration from the subject matter, and don't follow set formulas," says Kathleen. "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 suits your style."

Explore the store floor and you will discover even more unique, handcrafted gifts and merchandise, many of which were made in the USA or are Fair Trade items. Choose from purses, jewelry, art glass, and ceramic mugs along with a variety of framed art, wall hangings, mirrors, and LovePop greeting cards, a line exclusive to the shop. In narrowing her choice of inventory, Kathleen shares her criteria, "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 are able to be used."

Named one of the *Venice Gondolier-Sun's* 2017 Top 40 Business Professionals of the Year, Final Touch Frame & Gallery is a destination you'll discover 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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to a Star Shaped Plate. We can Frame it.