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Explore Abstract Painting with Kimberly Walton’s “Moxie Files,” at *The Art Center* this August and Try Your Hand at Painting with an Artist Workshop August 13th

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Contemporary artist and educator, Kimberly Walton will showcase a recent series of abstract acrylic paintings with her exhibition, “The Moxie Files,” showing at *The Art Center* for the month of August. Get out your paint, brushes and a dose of creativity and explore Kim’s new approaches to abstract painting with a workshop facilitated by the artist on Friday, August 13th from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 to 4 pm at *The Art Center*.

According to dictionary.com, the word “Moxie” means, vigor, verve, courage and aggressiveness, expressing skill and “know-how.” With “The Moxie Files,” Kim’s intrigue with the word “Moxie,” is explored through her paintings with a unique, individual style that utilizes personal iconography, to translate various interpretations of the word.

With the power of a paintbrush, Kim incorporates mark making; use of color and strong compositions to make her ideas visible to the common eye. The results are uniquely expressive works, with an emphasis on design, shedding light on the idea of needing more “Moxie” in life.

Explore new approaches to abstract painting with a more intuitive approach at Kimberly’s abstract painting workshop at *The Art Center* on Friday, August 13th.

Investigate the elements and principles of design and learn why they are important for creating strong compositions. Create an abstract painting of your own and explore the realm of possibilities that go beyond realism.

Kimberly Walton is a native of South Carolina, received her BFA from Winthrop University, and currently resides in Laredo, TX. With more than a decade of experience in the arts, Kimberly has exhibited her work in group and solo exhibitions in the Carolina’s and throughout Texas. Several corporate and individual collectors also own her pieces across the United States.

As an art educator, Kimberly taught studio art and lecture classes at Texas A&M International University.

Kimberly has been recognized locally and nationally for her community based art programs with non-profit organizations and other art venues. In 2004, she received an honorarium as a guest artist and educator at *The Museum of Fine Arts* in Houston. She continues to teach children, adults and instructors at art workshops, school districts and art organizations across South Texas.

See Kimberly Walton's, "The Moxie Files" showing for the month August in *The Kucera* gallery at *The Art Center*, open during regular business hours. Engage in the process of abstract art making with Kimberly's workshop on Friday, August 13th, 9 am – 12 pm and 1-4 pm. The cost of the workshop is \$60 and all levels are welcome. Space is limited; so contact *The Art Center of Corpus Christi* at (361) 884-6406 or e-mail Susie Shepherd at sshepherd@artcentercc.org to reserve your spot today!

About the Art Center of Corpus Christi

The Art Center of Corpus Christi (www.artcentercc.org <<http://www.artcentercc.org>>, (361) 884-6406) was founded as a community art center and 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization in 1972. "The Center" provides an environment for creative expression with educational programs and exhibition of the arts. Its facilities include eleven art organizations, five gallery spaces, and studio space for art classes. *The Art Center* is located at 100 Shoreline Drive on Corpus Christi's historic bay front. Its facilities are available for weddings, receptions, and special events. *The Art Center* has free admission and is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM.

Image Captions:

- 1) Recovered Icon #4, Mixed Media on Handmade Paper, Kimberly Walton
- 2) Revolt in the Studio, Session I, #2, Acrylic on Paper, Kimberly Walton
- 3) Revolt in the Studio, Session III, #1, Kimberly Walton
- 4) Wahine, North Shore Swells #5, Acrylic on Paper, Kimberly Walton