

JOHN KELLY FITZPATRICK (1888 - 1953)

One of Alabama's best-known artists, our namesake John Kelly Fitzpatrick was a Regionalist painter born in Wetumpka in 1888. In 1918, Fitzpatrick enlisted in the U.S. Army serving in World War I and suffered permanent scarring from shrapnel wounds. Having been through "the furnace of War," Fitzpatrick thereafter dedicated himself to the arts, seeking the beauty in life.

Fitzpatrick set to creating regional art organizations with his fellow Southern artists during a time when very few artistic opportunities existed. Today he is remembered as: a founder of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in 1930, a founder and first president of the Alabama Art League, a director of the Southern States Art League, co-founder and director of the Dixie Art Colony (the oldest Art Colony in the South) in 1933, prominent member of the Watercolor Society of Alabama, among others. Fitzpatrick painted up until his death from a heart attack on April 18, 1953.

The Kelly Fitzpatrick Center for the Arts now honors his legacy by doing the same as Kelly himself—engaging, inspiring, educating, and promoting local and regional visual artists and our community at large.

HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday & Monday Closed

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ROOTS OF HOPE

Troy-Tutwiler Gardening & Art Program



SELF GUIDED TOUR

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"This program is a lifeline for the women at Tutwiler Prison. After they join the program, a commitment is made to educate and support them. This commitment continues after they are released. The goal is to make the women productive members of society that never return to prison."

Troy University

FEATURING ART BY

Akevia Khadeijah Kimberly Alica Marqi Anna Barbara Mary Mendy Christina Debra Netta Heather Rose lda Tasha Tatyana Irene lessica Toni Tricia lessica Wendy Kandi

Surnames withheld for confidentiality with respect to the Tutwiler women and Troy University.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Dr. Sharon Everhardt and Dr. Stephen Carmody of Troy University created a partnership program in January 2019 with the Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women in Wetumpka called the Troy-Tutwiler Garden Program. The goal of the program is to educate the incarcerated women of Tutwiler about horticulture and nutrition through a 15-week course on the Fundamentals of Gardening, and upon finishing, Troy University offers a Certificate of Completion to the incarcerated participants.

In 2021, given the program's success, organizers expanded the program to include the visual arts. Art and Design lecturer Dr. Kelly Berwager led the first painting class that fall, and she continues to teach art to Tutwiler participants today. We thank her for orchestrating this art exhibition showing the growth and hope of Tutwiler women.

Learn more about the Troy-Tutwiler Gardening & Art Program here:

