

## Dennis Murphy

Dennis Murphy grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan discovering and enjoying the arts early, particularly the illustrations of N. C. Wyeth and the work of Salvador Dali (who he discovered at a display in the back of a wall paper store in 1963).

He came to Columbia for college and received his BFA in 1985.

He was an illustrator for MU Extension before retirement and has won many awards for both commercial and fine art. He has shown nationally, continues to paint and draw, and advocate for the arts.

Having had a foster child in his family (oddly also named “Clint”) he is especially happy to be working with CASA and hopes his art reflects the concept of inherent worth and dignity in of all individuals despite circumstance or history.

He is also grateful for the lifelong support of his wife Jeanne, but categorically denies rumors of trying to clean paintbrushes in the now defunct dishwasher.

