

Our Story

The Journey of Kelly's Art Shack

- **Foundation in 2018:** Founded by the artistic luminary Kelly Gottuso, Kelly's Art Shack emerged as a vibrant hub of creativity and community engagement.
- **2020-2021 Pandemic hit:** Luckily we were able to stay afloat with the support of the community.
- **2022 Expansion:** Took over the front part of the Brick and Mortar from a Bail Bonds Business
- **2023:** Made a strategic partnership with a building company and went through an internal remodel
- **Mission and Vision:** Dedicated to fostering artistic expression, events, and community integration, Kelly's Art Shack believes in the transformative power of art to inspire and connect.



Goals of Kelly's Art Shack

Our Commitment to Art and Community

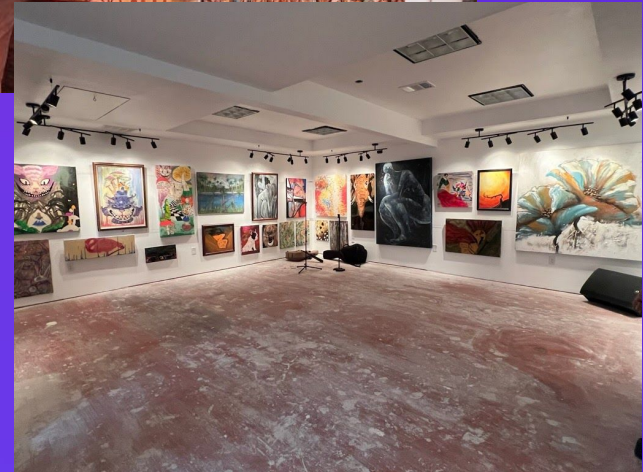
- **Artistic Exploration:** Provide a sanctuary for artistic exploration with services ranging from commissioned pieces to art lessons, fostering creativity and skill development.
- **Community Engagement:** Serve as a catalyst for community engagement, building connections and collaborations among artists and art enthusiasts.
- **Event Excellence:** Offer an exceptional indoor and outdoor event space for a variety of occasions, ensuring memorable experiences for every gathering.
- **Cultural Contribution:** Enhance the cultural tapestry of the community by hosting diverse events, exhibitions, and programs that celebrate creativity and diversity.



Our Difference

What Sets Kelly's Art Shack Apart

- **Comprehensive Art Services:** From commissioned pieces to art lessons and event space, we offer a diverse range of artistic services tailored to community needs.
- **Dynamic Event Space:** With 1,800 sq ft indoors and an additional 2,000 sq ft outdoors, our venue accommodates a variety of events, from intimate gatherings to grand celebrations.
- **Community and Cultural Engagement:** Our active participation in local events and collaborations with neighboring businesses enrich the cultural landscape of McKinney.
- **Vision for the Future:** We aspire for continued growth, service diversification, and technological integration to further contribute to educational and cultural initiatives.



What People are saying

Reviews from the web

4.6/5 [Facebook](#) · 27 votes



Paola Villarreal

1 review

★★★★★ a month ago

Our company, Adon Complete Air Conditioning and Heating had a great holiday party here! Kelly and Justin were so accommodating and nice. It is the perfect hidden gem for an event and very affordable. The ambiance is nice as well. We also had a catering company come out for dinner service and they worked with them to help our event be perfect. Can't wait to go back soon! Thanks to all at Kelly's.



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18 Google reviews



"Poppy's Wings served **catfish with truffle mac & cheese and baked beans.**"

★★★★★



"Definitely recommend for a chill happy hour experience."

★★★★★



"It was definitely a **thing** to do while visiting the downtown McKinney area."

★★★★★



Lenny Mauricio

Local Guide · 267 reviews · 2,970 photos

★★★★★ 3 years ago

Wow wow wow! I've been waiting almost two years to experience Kelly's Art shack in McKinney Texas! It was definitely a thing to do while visiting the downtown McKinney area. Although I was visiting the city of Dallas, I was able to drive the 45 mins or so to Kelly's Art Shack! It was like being in key west as it had a very bohemian floral feel to it. Once inside there were plenty of art works hanging for sale. Please call ahead of time and also the address is in the parking lot. This would be the perfect venue for an event like a wedding in McKinney!



Linda Nunn

Local Guide · 16 reviews · 5 photos

★★★★★ a year ago

Kelly is an amazing artist. I have purchased many canvases from her. In addition, she hosts events and is very involved with McKinney life. She features fellow artists as well and promotes great local bands. It is a fun place to visit or book a birthday party or commission Kelly for a mural or canvas for your home.



Yelp

<https://m.yelp.com> › ... › Artist Studio Space

TOP 10 BEST Artist Studio Space in McKinney, TX

Top 10 Best Artist Studio Space Near McKinney, Texas · Kelly's Art Shack & Events · McKinney Art House · The Lightroom Studio · Rent-A-Studio · Artist Uprising™ ...

Kelly's Art Shack & Events

312 E Cloyd St, McKinney, TX

5.0 ★★★★★ 18 reviews



Yelp

<https://www.yelp.com> › Yelp › Education › Art Classes

THE BEST 10 Art Classes in MCKINNEY, TX

Top 10 Best Art Classes Near McKinney, Texas · McKinney Art House · Kelly's Art Shack & Events · Painting with a Twist · Art Adventure Studio · Jump Into Art ...

Results for McKinney, TX · Choose area

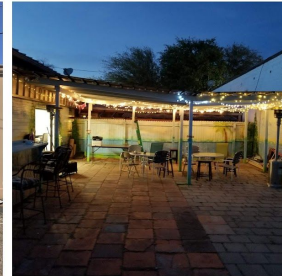
Top 10 Best Art Classes Near McKinney, Texas

- All "Art Classes" results in McKinney, TX. Showing 1-60 of 309.
- McKinney Art House, 2.7 mi. ...
- Kelly's Art Shack & Events, 2.9 mi. ...
- Painting with a Twist, 3.4 mi. ...
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- Ermitage Art Academy, 9.7 mi. ...
- Young At Art Children's Creative Center,

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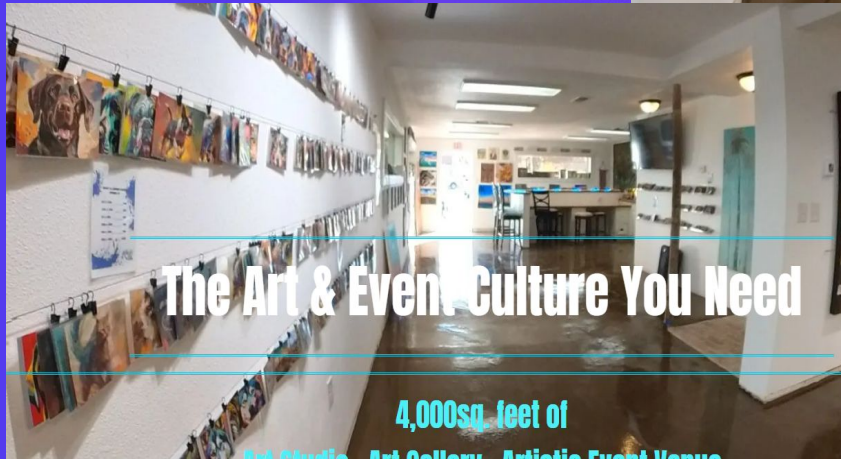
When Kelly Leased

1. We had Flooding Problems Inside and Out causing paintings to get ruined and artistic events canceled
2. Our Gate and Security of that Gate was/is outdated



2023

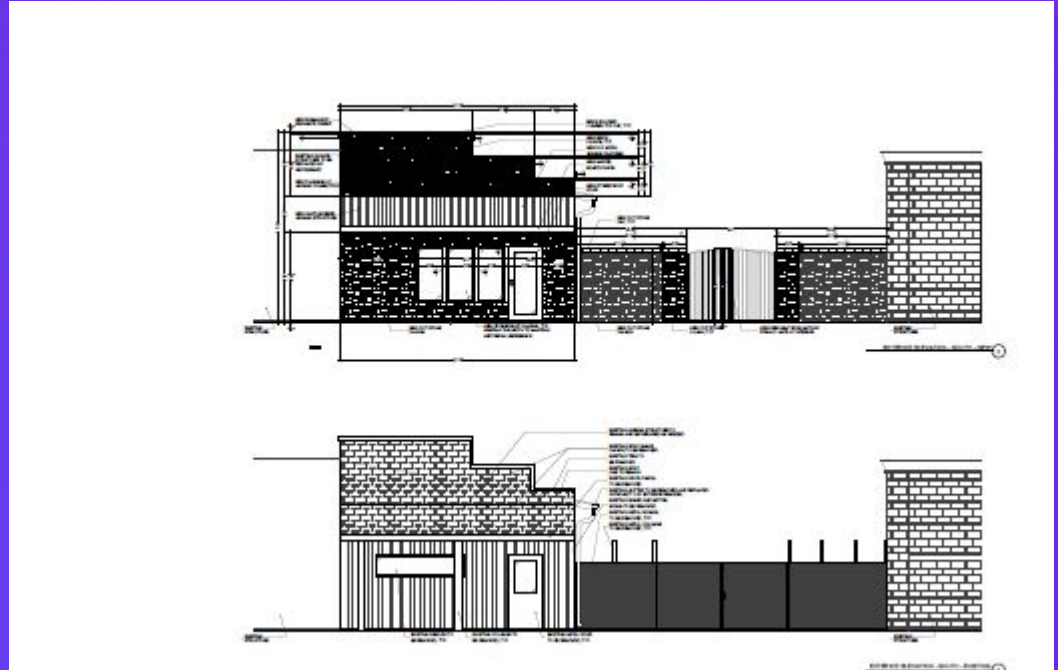
Inside Remodal
Outside Update



Expanding Kelly's Art Shack

Enhancing Space for Creativity and Community Engagement

- **Outdoor Expansion for Events:** The addition of a concrete outdoor patio area will significantly expand the venue's footprint, enabling Kelly's Art Shack to host larger, more diverse events. This includes both private and public gatherings, overcoming the limitations posed by the current indoor-only event policy.
- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Implementing gutters, downspouts, and a proper drainage system will address flooding issues, ensuring the venue remains operational regardless of weather conditions. Security enhancements, including gates and masonry fencing, will elevate the property's aesthetics and safety, revitalizing an underdeveloped area of McKinney.
- **Mission-Driven Growth:** Founded by Kelly Gottuso in 2018 and evolved with OVERSITEpro, Inc. in 2023, the shack is dedicated to fostering artistic expression, community engagement, and event excellence, aiming to weave the community into the fabric of its existence through art.



The Ask: Infrastructure Updates

Grant Request for Enhancing Kelly's Art Shack

- **Outdoor Patio and Drainage:** Funding for a concrete outdoor patio to expand event space, including gutters, downspouts, and proper site drainage to prevent flooding.
- **Security and Aesthetics:** Investment in security gates and new masonry fencing to enhance safety, security, and visual appeal, revitalizing the area of McKinney.
- **Overall Impact:** These updates will enable Kelly's Art Shack to host larger and more inclusive events, protect the building from flooding, and improve the property's aesthetics, contributing to the shack's mission and community engagement goals.

