



KENISE BARNES FINE ART

Press release

Dates: November 7 – December 20, 2026

Gallery hours: Thursday – Saturday 11:00 – 5:30, Sunday 12:00 – 4:00

Cool & Collected – The Gift Edition

Kenise Barnes Fine Art is pleased to announce Cool & Collected 2026, the gallery's annual exhibition celebrating accessible, gift-friendly artwork and the joy of collecting. On view from November 7 through December 20, this year's edition highlights small-scale works and craft objects priced under \$2000, offering visitors an inviting entry point into contemporary art collecting.

Cool & Collected has become a beloved tradition at the gallery, known for presenting fresh, unexpected work by artists across the program. Many participating artists are contributing pieces that fall outside their usual studio practice—such as painters experimenting with ceramics, sculptors creating intimate works on paper, and artists producing small objects and editions. The exhibition features paintings, drawings, ceramics, textiles, and unique handmade pieces that reflect both curiosity and craftsmanship.

“Our goal is to create a space where collectors—new and seasoned—feel welcome,” says director Kenise Barnes. “This exhibition encourages artists to play and explore while giving visitors the opportunity to acquire original artwork at an approachable scale and price. It’s a celebration of creativity, generosity, and the pleasure of living with art.”

Cool & Collected 2026 offers an ideal destination for seasonal visitors and local art lovers alike. The exhibition invites viewers to discover work that is thoughtful, affordable, and deeply personal—perfect for gifting or for beginning a collection.

Please contact Lani Ming Holloway, Associate Director, Lani@kbfa.com, 860 560 3085 with inquiries or to arrange a preview of the exhibition.

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