

May 3 through July 19, 2026

House Plants

paintings by

Barry Fitzgerald
of Lawrence, Kansas

Statement

This series of paintings uses plants, buildings, and human forms as a palette for an exploration in contrasts. The work builds on relationships with geometric and organic; line and shape; and abstract and representational elements. The final combinations are intended to ask questions more than give answers, although some summations of narratives may linger through the work.



Handle with Care by Barry Fitzgerald

Biography

Barry Fitzgerald is a multi-disciplinary illustrator, artist, and visual communicator who loves the challenge of making images that engage intellectually, emotionally, and aesthetically. He loves collaborating with others and is available for commissions.

After a previous career as a graphic designer in Washington, DC, Fitzgerald earned an MFA in illustration at SUNY Buffalo where he studied under Hall of Fame illustrator Alan E. Cober. Upon graduation, he was hired by the *Detroit News* to work as a staff artist, where he was able to combine his love of graphic design, illustration, and visual communication. Currently, Fitzgerald is Professor of Illustration at the University of Kansas. He has been teaching illustration, drawing, painting, and conceptual problem solving since 1993.

Barry has received many national and international awards for his work, including *American Illustration*, the Society of Illustrators of NY, Society of Illustrators of LA, 3X3 International Illustration Show, *Creative Quarterly*, *Print Magazine*, and Lürzer's Archive '200 Best Illustrators Worldwide.' His images have been in

numerous juried, invitational, and solo exhibitions, including shows in New York, Los Angeles, and London.

His clients include AARP, Children's Television Workshop, *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Review Press*, Ford, General Motors, Hormel Inc., Houge Winery, IBM, *Los Angeles Times*, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, National Public Radio, *New York Times*, Pepperidge Farm, PepsiCo, Playboy Jazz Festival, Sonic Drive-In, *Texas Monthly*, *Village Voice*, Verizon, and *Washington Post*, among others.

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