Wally Kaplan
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Wally Kaplan's paintings evoke an emotional connection. Her love of drawing and color are obvious in her work. After a serious illness she rediscovered her passion for painting and works in pastels and oils. Africa captured her heart as is seen in her African series of the Masai and the animals that roam the plains. She brings that same passion when she paints scenes and people that she's met in everyday life in Cleveland and throughout her many travels. She often starts her paintings from photos but soon leaves them behind as her visual memories take over.

Kaplan grew up in Florida but graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in English Literature and Cleveland has been her home for over forty years.

She has shown in many solo and juried exhibitions throughout Ohio among them The Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition, National Juried Exhibition Ashland University, Artist Archives of the Western Reserve "The New Now", Chagrin Valley Art Center Exhibits, Ursuline College Invitational, South Franklin Circle Great Room Exhibit, Lakeland Annual May Show, Fairmount Russell Annual Art Exhibition, All-Ohio Exhibition Pearl Conrad Gallery, Convivium 33 Gallery, Howson Gallery at Judson Park, Cain Park Feinberg Gallery, Solon Center for the Arts, City Music Cleveland, Trinity Cathedral ArtReach Exhibit, Barbara Luton Memorial Art Show, Shaker Historical Society, Beachwood Arts Council Spring Show, University Hospitals, Cleveland Plain Dealer and St. Paul's South Wing Gallery.

Her painting "Heavenly Sunset" appeared on the Cleveland Gallery Guide cover of Cleveland Magazine and her paintings are published in the AGC, Inc. "52 Weeks 52 Works" Calendar. She was an active member of City Artists at Work for many years and participates in Sparx in The City at her studio in The ArtCraft Building.

Kaplan's judicial portrait commission is in the US Federal Courthouse, Akron Oh. Her work is in the collection of University Hospital/Southwest General, Great Lakes Science Center and Concept XXI, Inc. Her work is held in private collections throughout Ohio, Florida and Texas.