

Biography

Yoshiko Ratliff is a painter and an award-winning ceramicist. She was born and raised in Japan. She lives in Falls Church, Virginia and paints at her studio 203 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, Virginia. She also creates elegant porcelain Crystalline glazed ceramic pieces at her home studio. She has been exhibiting her work at Torpedo Factory Art Center, its satellite gallery at Mosaic District, Fairfax, VA., 3 times at Creative Crafts Council Biennial Exhibition, the Mansion at the Strathmore, Glenview Mansion, Rockville, MD and other galleries nationwide as well. Her work is found in private and corporate collections in the US, Japan and Brazil. She has received many awards, and has been featured in publications and radio interviews.

She was invited to a solo show celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, 2020 at CCACC Art Gallery, Gaithersburg, MD.

Her works rely on an abstract organic underpainting with shapes, textures and shades forming integral elements of the finished pieces, often incorporating influences of her Japanese heritage. She also strives to suggest or replicate the unpredictability and beauty of the crystalline shapes she produces in the glazes for her ceramic works in her paintings.

She is a juried member of the Scope Gallery at Torpedo Factory Art Center and the Kiln Club of the Washington DC Area since 2004.