

June Kilgore (American 1927-2006). Oil on canvas

This work is a tribute to one of our most academic and intellectual regional artist—June Kilgore

According to the West Virginia Encyclopedia, June Kilgore was born in Huntington. She was an abstract expressionist painter who spent 30 years as an art professor at Marshall University. She was one of the most influential West Virginia artists of the 20th century. Kilgore's work, although not figurative, holds a strong sense of the spiritual and a very emotional communication. She was known also for her eloquence in talking about art. Kilgore is cited as an influence in the development of several accomplished artists in West Virginia. She truly influenced an entire generation of West Virginia artists.