



## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

**Daniel Franklin Ward, PhD**

Letter of Recommendation for Muralist Kelly Curry  
VIP Structures

December 7, 2022

To Whom it may concern.

I am writing on behalf of the muralist Kelly Curry, whom I have known for several years in various capacities. I met Ms. Curry when she was doing restoration work on some murals in Syracuse, NY, where at the time I chair the city's Public Art Commission. I was immediately impressed with the quality of her work. In my capacity as a Commissioner, I must review the work on every mural created in this city. Ms. Curry's work is of the highest quality we have adjudicated.

In talking with Ms. Curry, who was operating a lift as she painted a giant wall, I realized that she had served a long apprenticeship with one of the best muralists working in upstate New York. At the time I was also the chief curator of the Erie Canal Museum in downtown Syracuse and I asked her to propose a mural for the newest wing of our main building.

We met at the museum, looked at photographs and artifacts. Ms. Curry took a box of reference materials back to her studio. Within a few days, Ms. Curry returned to us with a beautiful oil painting of a 19<sup>th</sup> century canal boat being towed by a team of mules. The painting was in the appropriate aspect ratio for the museum wall facing the mayor's office in City Hall. I was able to use that painting to raise the full cost of the mural and we quickly completed the project.

Throughout the process - from conceptualization to completion - Ms. Curry was a joy to work with and uncompromisingly professional. Her pre-mural research and studies made it possible for her to communicate with us, government regulators, funders and members of the public who gathered daily to watch her paint (we asked her to do this and she was a big hit). Ms. Curry generously accommodated the museum's schedules and was always at the worksite on time. The finished mural was exactly as described at the commencement of the project.

Needless to say, we were very happy with our mural!

I enthusiastically recommend the muralist Kelly Curry!

With every best wish,

Daniel Franklin Ward



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September 28, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to provide this letter of recommendation for Kelly Curry. Kelly is a talented and very hard-working artist who recently completed a major outdoor mural for our WPBS headquarters building in Watertown, New York.

We at WPBS knew of Kelly from her work creating murals for the town of Clayton, NY, and so were very pleased when she agreed to take on this commission for us. It was a very challenging assignment in that the mural incorporated many well-known children's television characters who are part of the PBS Kids roster. There are very strict rules and standards relating to the representation and depiction of these copyrighted characters and of the PBS Kids brand, and it took some time and multiple designs to secure the necessary approvals. Kelly then had to render these characters and branding in strict compliance with these rules.

Through the challenges of creating this large-scale mural Kelly applied considerable creativity and problem solving skills and the result is a remarkable work that has delighted many residents (especially children) of our area and which has received favorable media coverage. We are very glad that we found Kelly and that she was able to complete this assignment for us, which will continue to be a landmark addition to our building, and to Watertown's commercial district, for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Mark Prasuhn  
President & General Manager



## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION



February 16, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Kelly Curry for the position of muralist in the project proposed by the City of Oxnard.

As chair of the Exhibits Committee at the Cornwall Brothers Store Museum, owned and operated by the Alexandria Township Historical Society, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Ms. Curry on three highly successful mural projects. She has a unique style which captures both the architectural and human elements in her composition. In addition, she has enthusiastically attended exhibit opening events, engaging with guests and discussing the elements of her depiction of the scene.

Kelly is committed to preparing preliminary sketches that meet all the expectations of her client and remains open to suggestions before arriving at her final design proposal. Her professional experience and recommendations are a valued part of the skill she brings to each art project.

Much of Kelly's work is prominently displayed on landmark structures in several of our local communities. She has also enhanced her talent by studying art on the international scene and is able to bring a variety of perspectives to her work.

Please feel free to contact me at [marthagrimes2@gmail.com](mailto:marthagrimes2@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martha L. Grimes'.

Martha L. Grimes, Exhibits Chair Cornwall Brothers Store Museum





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"Where The 1000 Islands Are"

February 20, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Kelly Curry has painted two large murals on our buildings. She is an outstanding artist and painter. We are proud of the work she has done for us and are already looking for another master piece in the future.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES GARLOCK AND SONS, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Garlock'.

Craig Garlock

Kelly Curry

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September 9, 2023

Kelly A Curry  
41468 State Route 12  
Clayton, NY 13624

RE: Character Reference

To Whom It May Concern:

Kelly A Curry has been a good customer of Watertown Savings Bank since 2011.

She has a great reputation in the community and always handles herself in a professional and very upstanding manner. She has prided herself on helping beautify the River Communities.

Sincerely,

  
Skye Ryder-McCauley  
AVP/Branch Manager  
WSB Alexandria Bay Office