





Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art
Johnson County Community College

Wilbur Niewald • *In the Landscape*

Exhibition dates: November 9, 2018 – February 3, 2019

A Conversation/Gallery Talk with Wilbur Niewald

**Noon - 1:15 p.m., Thursday, December 6
in CoLab (OCB 100)**

In 1970, I stood at my studio window and thought "why am I not looking out and painting what I see?" It was one of the most liberating experiences I've ever had.

—Wilbur Niewald

At 93 years of age, Wilbur Niewald is one of the most beloved and legendary artists working in Kansas City. His professional and artistic careers have spanned more than seven decades and garnered him innumerable accolades, exhibitions, and awards. Yet, on any given day, he may be found painting at one of his favorite sites about town. Braving the elements, Niewald continues to enthusiastically paint the city he loves.

For the exhibition, *In the Landscape*, the Nerman Museum invited Niewald to create new works over the course of a year (2017/2018). The resulting twelve watercolors were painted *en plein air* and encapsulate many of his favorite motifs and views. They exemplify his passionate belief in responding directly to the world around him.

This is the second exhibition (following previous Wendell Castle exhibits) celebrating an iconic Kansas artist which the Nerman Museum has organized collaboratively with the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. For *In the Landscape*, the Nerman Museum focuses upon Niewald's most current work, while the Nelson-Atkins exhibit featured earlier paintings.

JCCC's CoLAB mission is to elevate the creative and collective consciousness of the community by bringing students, faculty, staff and the community together in one space to share, team and dream.

FREE admission • **FREE** guided tours by appointment • email tours@nermanmuseum.org

Cover: Wilbur Niewald, *Kansas City, View of West Bottoms I*, 2017, Watercolor on paper, 17 x 22.25", Courtesy the Artist and Haw Contemporary, Kansas City, MO

Inside: Wilbur Niewald painting on location, Kansas City, MO 2018, Photo EG Schempf.

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