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## Neighbors IN THE SPOTLIGHT

# Artist invites audience to find hidden images

By PAUL HUDSON

M Streets resident Mark Kiselis finally got to experience his dream to pursue art when the last of his five children went off to college.

The insurance broker/real estate investor has produced more than 350 works of art that reside in corporate offices and homes from New Mexico to New York. Last summer, his art was on display at the Dallas Center for Contemporary Art.

Kiselis Contemporary Art, located in his insurance office on Mockingbird, is filled with an exciting and colorful maze of abstracts, contemporary, landscapes, graphic designs and what he calls "foqueism" (fo-kway-ism). It's simple yet provocative. Within the colors, lines, texture and shapes of his work, he subtly immerses images throughout the piece, hence, the term foqueism or a take off on the Latin focus. He invites the viewer to focus on the hidden images.

His art has found its way into many nonprofit organizations in Dallas — Make a Wish Foundation, Shared Housing, Ursuline Academy and Lakewood



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**SEARCHING FOR THE FOCUS:** Mark Kiselis, at the Contemporary Art Center that bears his name.

Methodist Church.

Kiselis believes that his Irish, Dutch and Lithuanian descent play into his artistic inclination.

"The Dutch gives me the color scheme, the Lithuanian is the hard work ethic and the Irish gives me the imagination."

Being proud of his Lithuanian grandparents, he donated a painting to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago last year.

Mark and his wife, Jennifer, toured the art museums of Paris last March with his sister and

brother-in-law. Jeanne McCurry is an art partner at the Art Institute of Chicago, and Ken McCurry is a docent at the Field Museum.

"If you can't find inspiration in Paris, you must be made of stone," he said.

With a chuckle, he added that he has also sold more paintings than Van Gogh.

"I feel that art is my legacy, and I will continue to evolve by challenging my senses and imagination.

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