

December 6<sup>th</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>

# Guild Holiday Show

Open to

All Guild Members – All Mediums

**Reception: December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**All Guild Members' Meeting: 2:30**

**Holiday Party & Reception: 3:00 – 6:00**

featuring

- Gift Tables Selling Artist-Made Original Art and Fine Crafts
- Bin Racks of Flat Work for Sale
- Cash and Carry Artwork for Sale Priced Under \$100

(Bin Racks and Cash & Carry work available through December 23<sup>rd</sup>)

The Guild of Creative Art

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Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00

Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00

### 2026 Slate of Guild Officers and Board Members

Voting for this slate of Officers and Board Members takes place at 2:30 PM on December 7, 2025, at the all Guild members meeting, prior to the reception/party.

#### Officers:

President: David Levy

Vice President: Barbara Russo

Treasurer: Sheila Menendez

Secretary: Liz Jacobelli

#### Board Members:

Thomas J. Camal

Marino Cirillo

Jay Eaton

MaryAnn Goodwin

Bob Stetz

Barbara Withers

The Guild will be closed

December 25, 2025 through January 1, 2026

Coming to the Guild in January 2026

## *Our Edgy Show*

**edg.y** /ej.ē/ adjective: at the forefront of a trend, experimental or avant-garde, innovative, offbeat, cutting-edge, stylish and provocative

**January 10 – January 28, 2026**

**Open to Guild Members and Non-Members**

*All Artistic Mediums*

**Reception: Sunday, January 11, 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

Coming to the Guild Feb 28 - March 25



*The Guild of Creative  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual EyeSights 2026  
Open Juried Photography Show*

*Online submissions only: January 1 to January 31.*

*Click [HERE](#) for details.*

Jan 31 to Feb 24

Exhibiting and  
Associate  
Members' Show

~All Mediums~

Featuring Artwork  
by the Guild's  
elite artists.

Reception: Feb 1  
3:00 – 5:00

### Guild Membership Renewal Dues for 2026

**General: \$30**

**Associate: \$45**

**Exhibiting: \$80**

Click [HERE](#) to renew membership online

All membership dues expire yearly on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Renew today to get the full benefit of your membership level.

## Register for Art Classes

All Mediums for Teens and Adults

For detailed information, including a list of materials needed, start dates, and class availability, please contact the teacher of the class directly. Teacher contact information is located on the class schedule.

For a complete schedule of all classes, click [HERE](#)

# **Guild President David Levy**

dlevy1939@gmail.com



## **2025 Guild of Creative Art Board of Directors**

### **Guild Officers:**

**David Levy**

President

**Barbara Russo**

Vice President

**Sheila Menendez**

Treasurer

**Liz Jacobelli**

Secretary

### **Board Members:**

**Thomas J. Camal**

**Marino Cirillo**

**Jay Eaton**

**MaryAnn Goodwin**

**Bob Stetz**

**Barbara Withers**

### **Guild Staff**

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## **President's Message**

With autumn in full swing at the time of this writing, we welcomed Paul Hansen back to the Guild for this year's incredible show. Paul showcases his story in a multi-media production titled *Three Sided Box*. Paul describes the show as a stage being a three sided box with the fourth wall conceptually separating the performers from the audience. His opening reception on November 2<sup>nd</sup> featured a movie, which contained an album by Paul's band, both complementing the nine sixty inch by sixty inch mixed media artwork and 35+ more on display. Paul's exhibits are always spectacular, provocative and, most importantly, enjoyable. The closing reception is here at the Guild on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 – 5:30. The film begins at 3:30. The show closes December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Next up for us, the holiday exhibit, party, and opening reception will take place on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00. All Guild members are invited to enter artwork into the exhibit. All mediums are welcomed. Receiving is on December 4<sup>th</sup> from noon until 7:00. Exhibiting and Associate Members may also hang work in our lobby show as well.

Preceding the reception, the Guild's annual meeting will take place at 2:30. The purpose of the annual meeting is to reflect upon the achievements of 2025, elect Board members for 2026, and set our sights on future goals.

Our Main Gallery will be filled with gift tables displaying artist-made artwork and fine crafts for sale. Also on hand will be bin racks with matted, but unframed, flat work for sale. This is original art by our Exhibiting and Associate member artists, the two top tiers of membership. Also for sale during December are miniature pieces of original art measuring no more than 14 inches on the longest side, and priced under \$100. Gift table items and miniatures are cash and carry, and make great gifts. The Holiday Exhibit and party should always be on one's "must see" list.

The New Year means it is, once again, time for our **EDGY** Show. This exhibit is open to all Guild members and non-members in all artistic mediums. Entries should be cutting edge, experimental, off-beat, or stylish, basically **EDGY**. Ribbons will be awarded. The Show runs from January 10<sup>th</sup> to January 28<sup>th</sup> with a reception on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00.

As we say goodbye to 2025, remember that all dues expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Please renew your membership as soon as possible to enjoy the full benefit of your membership category. Click [HERE](#) to renew easily on our website.

Speaking of membership, I offer my congratulations to the artists who entered the Portfolio Review in November in an effort to upgrade their membership status to Associate or Exhibiting. This is an opportunity to have your artwork judged by your peers to help you grow as an artist. This year we had a strong showing. Nineteen artists applied. Regardless of the outcome, we hope you benefitted from the experience. The Portfolio Review at the Guild happens twice a year. The next Portfolio Review will be in May.

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and an enjoyable holiday season. Thank you for your loyalty to the Guild of Creative Art throughout the year. As always, we appreciate your help in fulfilling our mission to advance excellence in the fine arts.

The Guild of Creative Art:

First of its kind

First in its class

# Great sales opportunities for artists at this year's **Holiday Party & Reception!**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 6:00**

## **Annual All Member Holiday Show**

This year's All Member Show in our Main Gallery will receive artwork on December 4<sup>th</sup>. *Receiving opens at noon and closes promptly at 7:00 pm. No work will be accepted before or after that date and those times.* Click [HERE](#) for Show Submission Forms to expedite your registration process. All Guild members whose dues are paid in full for the current year may enter one or two works no longer than 48 inches on any side. The entry fee is \$10.00 for your first piece, \$5 for the second piece. The show will run through December. The Guild will retain a 33.3% commission on all sales. Send a jpg of your display pieces to [info@guildofcreativeart.org](mailto:info@guildofcreativeart.org) and have your artwork appear in our bulletin.

## **Exhibiting & Associate Member Lobby Show**

Our lobby will feature artwork by the **Guild's Exhibiting Members** and small treasures, no longer than 14 inches on any side, by the **Guild's Associate Members**. To exhibit artwork, dues must be paid in full for the current year. A donation of \$5.00 is requested for each work displayed. Receiving and End-of-Show Pickup will coincide with the Gallery Show. The Guild will retain a 33.3% commission on all sales.

## **Holiday Party Gift Tables**

At this year's Holiday Party and Opening Reception, all Guild members whose dues are paid in full for this current year have the opportunity to sell items such as note cards, jewelry, pottery, scarves, fine crafts, and small portfolio pieces. All items for sale must be artist made. Sales are cash and carry. To display your work, you may bring a 4 x 4 foot table covering and use one of our tables, or bring your own table, no larger than 3 x 6 feet. There is no charge for table space. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today! E-mail the Guild at [guildofcreativeart@verizon.net](mailto:guildofcreativeart@verizon.net), or call Vicky at the Guild between noon and 3:00, Tuesdays through Fridays at **732-741-1441**. The Guild will retain a 20% commission on all sales.

## **Cash and Carry Miniature Show**

The walls of the Guild Studio will feature small objects of art sized no greater than 14 inches on any side, and priced under \$100. Display space for the Miniature Show is available to all **Guild Exhibiting and Associate Members** whose dues are paid in full for the current year. Receiving for the Cash and Carry Miniature Show is concurrent with receiving for the All Member Holiday Show. There is no entry fee for the Miniature Show in the studio. The artwork will be on display for eager shoppers throughout December. Pre-register your artwork to reserve wall space and to allow time for tags to be produced. Click [HERE](#) for Show Submission Forms to expedite your registration process. Entries for the Miniature Show must be priced at \$100 or less. Pre-registration ends on receiving day for the December show. Due to wall space restrictions, the total number of entries and/or number per artist may be limited. Sold miniatures may be replaced with new miniatures. To reserve space for your miniatures, please e-mail Vicky at the Guild at [guildofcreativeart@verizon.net](mailto:guildofcreativeart@verizon.net) or call Vicky at **732-741-1441**. The Guild will retain a 20% commission on all sales.

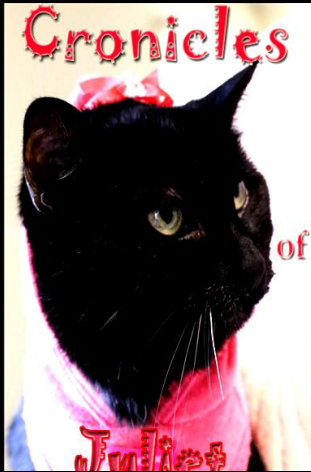
## **Bin Racks**

**Guild Exhibiting and Associate Members** whose dues are paid in full for the current year may bring in their own bin racks to display their flat work in the studio for the month of December. There is no price limitation on bin rack artwork, and these works are Cash and Carry. Space is limited for the Bin Rack display, so the number of bin racks will be limited. To reserve a space, please e-mail the Guild at [guildofcreativeart@verizon.net](mailto:guildofcreativeart@verizon.net) or call Vicky at **732-741-1441**. The Guild will retain a 20% commission on all sales.

*The Guild of Creative Art receiving team reserves the right to reject any pieces deemed inappropriate.*



# Member News



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## Photography Exhibit

by  
Debora S Bruno

During December, at the Monmouth County Library Branch, located at 100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands.

Opening reception  
December 6, 1:00 – 4:00

“Come and see this Pet Exhibit experience that you will never forget.” Debora S Bruno

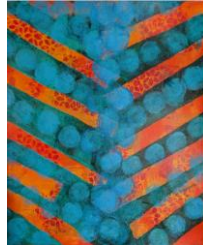
**Marino Cirillo** had two of his photographs, *Watchful* (top below), and *Wet and Wild* (bottom below) accepted for the "Colors of Humanity Art Gallery" online exhibit. Artists from around the world were called to submit their work. There were 57 accepted entries, and they came from 11 different states as well as 8 other countries: Austria, Australia, Canada, China, Italy, Malaysia, Taiwan and Ukraine. The theme of show was *Animals*.



**Matt Wieczkowski**, participated in a group exhibit titled “From Classroom to Collective: Printmaking & Collaboration” that was on display at the Jersey Shore Arts Center. Matt had 25 works included in the show including *The Symbolist* and *The Great Divide* (Below Left & Center)



*The Symbolist*



*The Great Divide*



*Mystic Daffodils*

Matt had two works selected for “Botanical Musings” on exhibit at Thompson Park Creative Arts Center in Lincroft, NJ. *Mystic Daffodils* is show above right.



*Ornate Squares*



*Tangles on the Beach*

Two of Matt’s works (above) are included in “Celebrating Creativity” at Monmouth Museum in Lincroft, NJ, on display through January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Marilyn Baldi** will have two photographs in the Black and White Magazine as single image contest winners. *Iguazu Falls* will be in the #176 February 2026 issue/ Seascape/Water category. "Contemporary vs. Traditional" will be in the June 2026 issue Photojournalism/Documentary category, featured as a spotlight winner.

Congratulations to the following people who successfully upgraded their membership level at the  
**November Portfolio Review**

**Yelena Akhumova, Sandy Birchler, Robert Calabrese, Duncan Culver, Audrey Goldman, Colin Goodall, Anita Gutkin, John Hanson, Sonny Kenn, Sophie LaBell, MaryAnn McKay, Debbi Page, Susan Penn, Daniel Pompeo, Jeffrey Robinson, Randy Simon, Mary Ann Smorra, Keith Alan Spaar**

Next Portfolio Review: May 14 – 16, 2026

**Please note:** Member News is designed to announce exhibits displaying Guild of Creative Art members’ work, and/or honors our members receive. Advertisements and information regarding “for profit” ventures are not permitted and will not be included. News items and associated jpg images will be edited for space and content. There is a maximum of three news related items per person in each issue unless space allows more. Items may be grouped if several Guild members are participating. Submissions received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the next issue will only appear if space is available.

**Send us a jpg image of your Member News artwork** for display in our monthly bulletin, our social media pages, and our publicity outlets.

Images must be of the artwork only (no mats or frames), and have a sharp focus. Artwork will be shown subject to space remaining in Member News.

**Artwork must be titled as follows: Your Last Name.Your First Name.Title.medium.town of residence.**

**Example:** Doe.John.My Drawing.Pen & Ink.Monmouth Beach

- Send your news item with or without an image to [guildofcreativeart@verizon.net](mailto:guildofcreativeart@verizon.net)
- The Guild of Creative Art (the Guild) specifically disclaims any liability for the loss, damage, or theft of any artwork exhibited or stored on the Guild’s premises.
- Artists are responsible for insuring their own work from delivery to pick up and return to artist.

By submitting artwork or JPEG files to the Guild of Creative Art, you are granting permission for these files to be utilized for promoting shows, exhibits, and any additional promotional activities sponsored by the Guild, as well as use in the Guild’s Bulletin. Further, the copyright for any submitted JPEG files remain with the submitting artist.



## **Volunteers Make the Guild Run** **You can help!!!**

Please choose the area(s) where you can volunteer and email the appropriate contact person.

### **Category & Contact Info**

#### **Front Desk/Data Entry:**

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David Levy

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## **Would you like to volunteer?**

We need your help. Please select from the choices above and contact the appropriate person for information about how you can help the Guild. The Guild can only work if its members contribute.

## **We Celebrate our Recent Volunteers**

AAUW double docent tour: **David Levy**

Building: **David Levy, Marcelo Bruno, Tom Camal, Jay Eaton, Bob Stetz**

Chelsea Shrewsbury docent tour: **David Levy**

Data entry:

**Natalie Kadash, Patricia Zilinski**

Desk Coverage: **David Levy, Marino Cirillo**

Figure Workshop: **Susan Rickman**

Grant Data: **Patricia Zilinski**

Grounds: **David Levy**

Guild History Project:

**David Levy, Natalie Kadash, Suzanne Parmly, Mary Polese**

Guild Photography Group:

**Patricia Hart Zackman, Tom Camal,**

Housekeeping: **David Levy, Tina Behr**

LADACIN Network docent tour:

**David Levy**

Laundry: **Tina Behr, Duncan Culver, Liz Jacobelli, Phil Jacobelli**

Mira Vie docent tour: **David Levy**

November Lobby Show: **David Levy, Tina Behr, Tom Camal, Duncan Culver, MaryAnn Goodwin, Liz Jacobelli, Natalie Kadash, Suzanne Parmly, Michele Rath, Beth Rys, Barbara Withers**

Office Volunteers: **David Levy, Marino Cirillo, Natalie Kadash, Patricia Zilinski**

Phone calls: **David Levy**

Photography at Guild events: **David Levy, Barbara Russo, Tom Camal, Marino Cirillo**

Purchasing: **David Levy, Tina Behr, Liz Jacobelli, Vicky Culver**

SEARCH Day Volunteers: **David Levy**

Social Media: **David Levy, Barbara Withers**

Special Events: **Liz Jacobelli, David Levy, Leslie Backlund, Tom Camal, Marino Cirillo, MaryAnn Goodwin, Bob Novak, Jill Pesciotta, Barbara Russo, Bob Stetz**

Technology: **Marcelo Bruno, Jay Eaton**

The Arc of Monmouth docent tour: **David Levy**

Volunteer Recognition: **Bob Stetz**

Webmasters:

**Mike Menendez, Steve Ravner**

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**The Guild on Facebook**

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### **Welcome New Members**

**Yelena Akhumova, Soon OK Chong (Gemma), Christopher Chong, Colin Goodall, Gary Groves, Anita Gutkin, Eddie Huresky, Sonny Kenn, Sophie LaBell, Lorraine Petrick, Daniel Pompeo, Loretta Reilly, Madelyne Ryterband, Ed Ryterband, Keith Alan Spaar, Barbara Umar**

[Future Guild Exhibitions](#) Click [HERE](#) for:

- Show Dates (gallery, lobby, & studio)
  - Entry eligibility for various shows
  - Reception dates and times
  - Receiving dates (Noon to 7:00)
  - After show art pick up dates & times
- Dates and times are subject to change.*

# The Guild Photography Group

Formed in March 2017, the Guild Photography Group (GPG) provides local Guild photographers a monthly forum to exchange ideas and current bodies of work. The GPG meets via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and participates in occasional outings/meetings in person.

In this group of award winning photographers you will find world travelers, nature enthusiasts and street photographers. Members use various types of equipment ranging from cell phones and tablets to state of the art cameras. As it has been said many times, "the best camera is the one you have with you".

Some photographs produced by members of the GPG are shown on the next few pages. The GPG is exhibiting in the Guild Studio through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to participate in the group, please contact Patricia Hart Zackman at [digitalphz@yahoo.com](mailto:digitalphz@yahoo.com), or call 908-461-5519.



*Farmhouse ca. 1770 Poricy Park by Barbara Withers*



*Just Some Windows by Thomas Camal*



*Bubble Girl by Denise Cosentino*



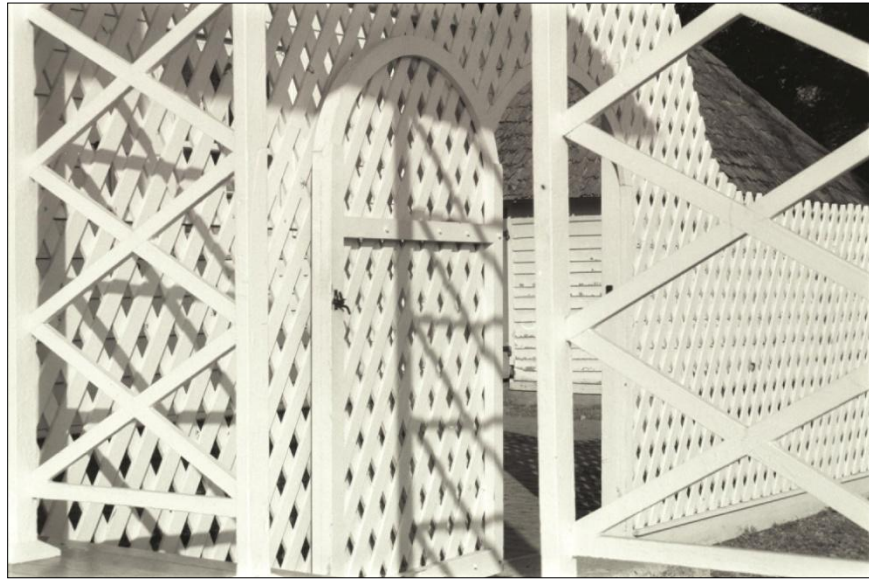
*Fireplace Soldiers by Eric Arolick*



# More Guild Photography Group



*Metamorphis* by Mannie Green



*Gate* by Eric Arolic



*Ring of Fire* by Mannie Green



*Apple Sorbet* by Joan B. Myers



← *Temple at Sunset*  
by Joseph Ferraro



# More Guild Photography Group



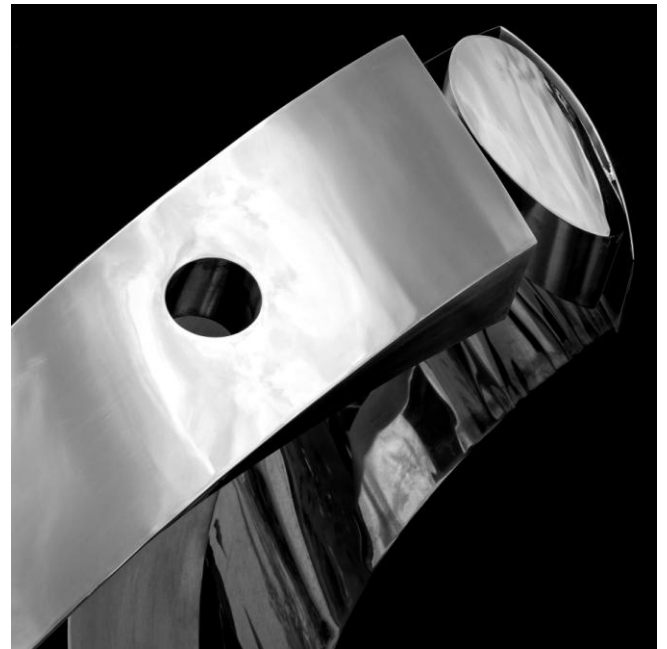
*Prince Charming* by Patricia Hart Zackman



*Pacific Guiding Light* by Denise Cosentino



*When Life Gives You Lemons* by Marilyn Baldi



*Piece of the Cosmic Void* by Marilyn Baldi

**I dare you to think.....**  
**I dare you to think.....**

*Images from Paul Hansen's  
Conceptual Exhibit*

### ***"Three Sided Box"***

**In theater, a box set is a set with a stage and three walls, hence a "Three Sided Box".**

**The fourth wall is a conceptual barrier which separates a performer or performance from the audience.**



**To illustrate this, let's just say I am standing in front of a mirror.  
My back is to you yet you see my reflection in the mirror.  
In this case, the mirror acts as the Fourth Wall.**

**I am a performer.**

**You are the audience.**

**The Three Sided Box is the vehicle which makes our  
symbiotic journey possible.  
Have I broken the Fourth Wall and revealed myself to you?**

**Well, not exactly.**

**This is not even me narrating.**

**I am a façade.**

**The real me is still hiding.**

**The task of this album is to chisel away bits  
and pieces of the barrier that separates us.**

**Life is a stage.**

**We are all players, performing within the Three Sided Box.**

**— Paul Hansen**

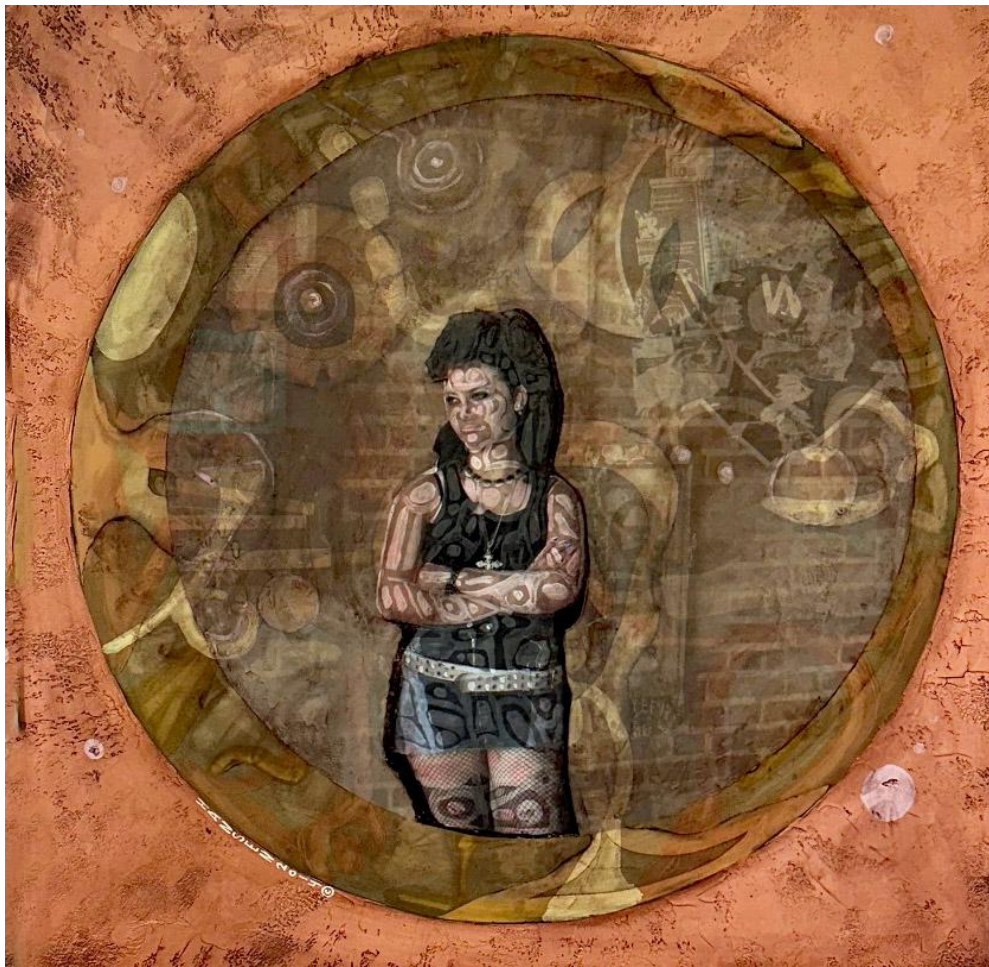




















### **The Fourth Wall is Crumbling**

#### **Within the Three Sided Box**

**The actors take the stage.**

**The invisible Fourth Wall standing between them,  
and the audience.**

**If one of them were to step into the light, face the audience,  
and reveal their true identity,**

**They would be breaching the Fourth Wall between themselves  
and their character.**

**Not only that, the Fourth Wall between the performance  
and the audience would be broken.**

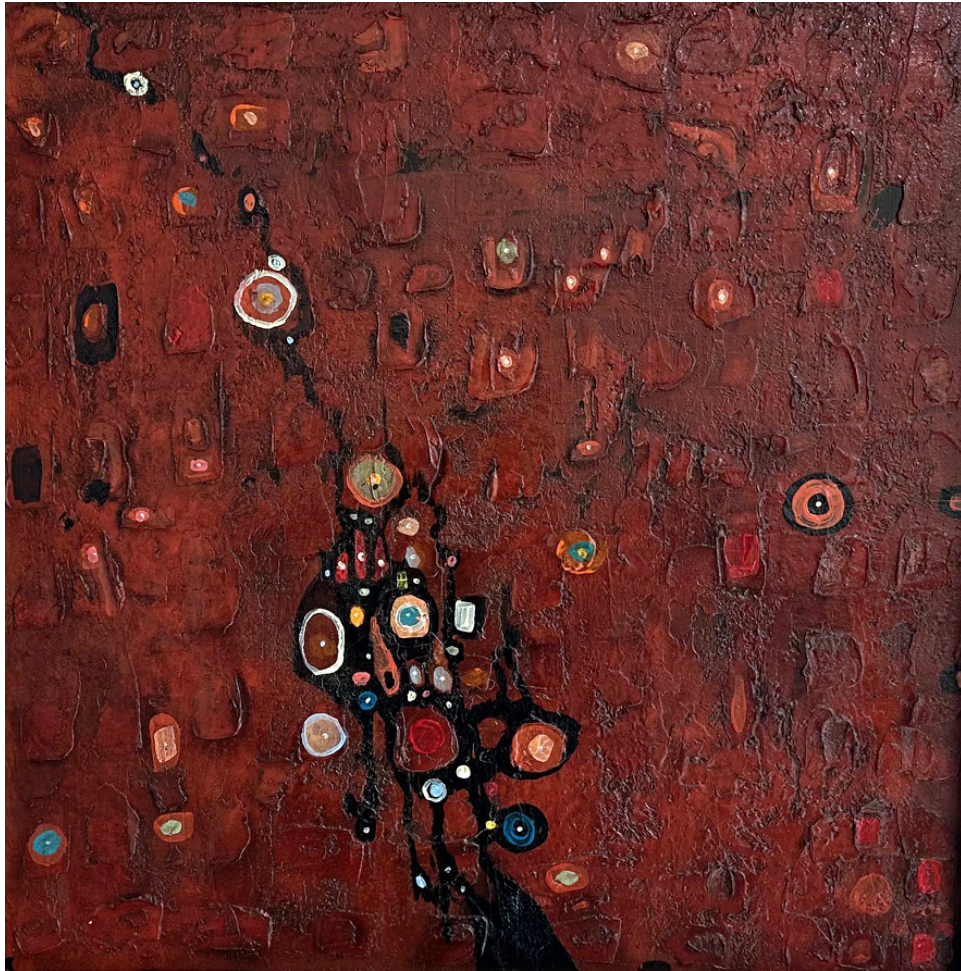
**Plato's theory of imitation states that art is twice removed  
from reality because it is an imitation of an imitation.**

**He believed that concrete things people perceive  
are also shadowy representations of reality.**

--Paul Hansen



## More from Paul Hansen















*Three Sided Box* is on display in our gallery until December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*The photographic images of artwork appearing in the Guild's Bulletin represent a sampling of the original work displayed in our exhibits. We regret we cannot show all the work on display, but we invite you to visit our gallery and browse.*

*Artwork on display at the Guild is available for purchase. The Guild is proud to offer to the public original art at affordable prices. To **Purchase** art online from a Guild Exhibit, click [HERE](#).*

*All exhibits are open to the public and admission free.*

*All donations to the Guild are voluntary and much appreciated.*

***The Guild Gallery is Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00, Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00.  
Call 732-741-1441 for specific viewing times.***



An Installation by Red Bank Regional Student and Guild member,  
Eddie Huresky, Temporarily Visits the Guild Property



Eddie Huresky's Installation





Images on Eddie's work (l-r): Genghis Khan, Julius Caesar, and Napoleon Bonaparte



# ***Art Education and Growth Opportunities***

## ***Instruction in the Guild Studio***

### **Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Instructors**

- ✓ Watercolor from Concept to Completion: taught by **Bob Stetz**
- ✓ Pour Painting: taught by **Megan Gilhool**
- ✓ Mastering the Media of the Masters: taught by **Sven Widen**
- ✓ Watercolor Painting: taught by **Randy Mayer**
- ✓ Drawing: taught by **Randy Mayer**
- ✓ Beginner Pastels: taught by **Carole Rogers**
- ✓ Drawing and Painting: taught by **Leslie Backlund**

Details about all of our classes are on our website. Contact instructors for information.

**Click [HERE](#) to go to the Instruction page on our website**

### **The Guild Photography Group**

Meets each month on the second Tuesday via Zoom from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Free to Guild photographers.

Contact Patricia Hart Zackman:

Email: [digitalphz@yahoo.com](mailto:digitalphz@yahoo.com)

Phone: 908.461.5579



## ***Informal Figure Workshop*** ***Tuesdays, 10:00 – Noon***

- No instruction
- Casual atmosphere
- Figure drawing with a live model
- Location: Guild's Studio
- Sharpen your skills
- Open to Guild members ages 21+
- Non-member adults also invited
- No pre-registration required
- No need to call
- Come when you can



**Cost: Guild Member: \$20 per day**

**Non-Member: \$25 per day**

This workshop is headed by Susan Rickman.

Contact Susan Rickman by email at:

[josunset59@verizon.net](mailto:josunset59@verizon.net)

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**IN THE GALLERY  
FINE ART SHOW  
PUBLIC WELCOME**

photograph by Tom Camal



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