

Guild Membership Renewal Dues for 2026

General: \$30

Associate: \$45

Exhibiting: \$80

Click [HERE](#) to renew membership online

All memberships expire on December 31st.

Renew today to get the full benefit of your membership level.

2026 Guild Officers and Board Members

Congratulations to the 2026 Board of Directors voted in at the December All-Member Meeting,
Officers:

President: David Levy

Vice President: Barbara Russo

Treasurer: Sheila Menendez

Secretary: Liz Jacobelli

Board Members:

Patricia Arroyo Thomas J. Camal

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Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00

Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00

January 31 – February 24
In Our Main Gallery
GUILD EXHIBITING
and
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
SHOW
Artwork by the Guild's
Elite Membership
Levels

Receiving: Thursday, January 29
Noon – 7:00

Reception: February 1
3:00 – 5:00

Pick up: Wednesday, Feb. 25
Noon – 7:00

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](#)**



*The Guild of Creative Art is calling for entries
into its 23rd Annual
EyeSights 2026 Open Juried Photography Show*

Only online registrations are accepted.

Registration closes January 31, 2026. Click [HERE](#) for details.

**The Guild will be closed
December 24, 2025 through January 5, 2026**

In Our Main Gallery January 10 – January 28, 2026

Our Edgy Show

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

Open to Guild Members and Non-Members

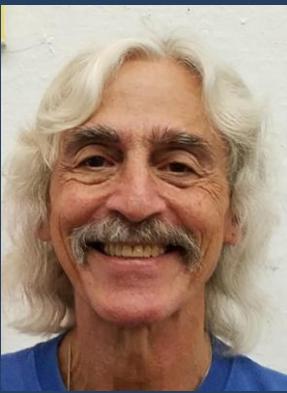
All Artistic Mediums

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

Receiving: Thursday, January 8, noon – 7 pm Pick Up: Thursday, January 29

Guild President David Levy

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2026 Guild of Creative Art Board of Directors

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Art News

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Gus Goodwin

Technology

President's Message

Happy Holidays to all. We hope your holiday season was enjoyable as we look ahead to the challenges and promise of the coming year.

The Guild's Holiday Show reception on December 7th was memorable in so many ways. Members enthusiastically elected the 2026 Board of Directors, with new member, Patricia Arroyo joining the Board. We are thrilled to welcome Patricia and eagerly anticipate her input.

Also, at the reception, the artists selling artist-made artwork and fine crafts from tables were pleased with their earnings, and the crowd was collegial and loving. With 94 pieces of art displayed in our Main Gallery, plus 20 pieces displayed in our lobby, and 25 Cash and Carry works in the studio, priced at \$100 or less, you have quite a series of exhibits. All artwork is available for sale through December 23rd.

Did I mention the food? People delighted us by generously bringing a wide assortment of tasty food, and we ate like queens and kings.

Next up, is our **Edgy Show**, which is open to members and non-members. Receiving is Thursday, January 8th, from noon until 7:00, and the reception will be Sunday, January 11th, from 3:00 until 5:00.

Edgy can take on many meanings: weird, avant-garde, innovative, outside the box, or artwork that literally puts you on edge. Ribbons will be awarded for exceptional work, based on the opinion of our judges. We urge you to venture outside of your comfort zone and enter this show. It should be fun.

February brings the **Exhibiting and Associate Members' Show**. On display will be beautiful works by artists who populate the Guild's top two membership levels. Some of the artists in the show reached Exhibiting or Associate level at the Portfolio Review this past November. We marvel at the talent that these artists possess, and look forward to this year's show. What a great way to begin the New Year.

Throughout the month of January, Guild members and non-members can submit up to three works online for our **23rd Annual EyeSights 2026 Open Juried Photography Show**. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

We are very excited to have Jacki Dickert return to judge this show. We extend kudos to our bookkeeper, Audrey Lombardi, who has volunteered to Chair EyeSights 2026. Mike Menendez and Stephen Ravner served us many years, and we thank them for the terrific job they have done in the past. We are confident that Audrey will maintain the extraordinary caliber of this year's show.

The documentary about the Guild, produced by award winning filmmaker, Erin Fleming continues development. Through her many visits (filming and interviewing), she understands the Guild is a happy place. This is exactly the response one would hope to receive from a documentarian. We will continue to keep you posted about her progress.

Finally, just a quick reminder, membership dues expire each year on December 31st. Please renew your membership today if you have not done so. Click [HERE](#) to renew your membership online.

Guild of Creative Art: First of its kind! First in its class!

Member News

Ben De Marco received a Creative Excellence Award for Artwork recognized for its creative strength, distinctive artistic vision, originality, and dedicated practice, entered and distinguished in the Circle Arts Online Art Fair, Paris, 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 15th 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 Painting.Watercolor.Monmouth Beach

- Send your news item with or without an image to 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.

Welcome New Members

Joan Aufderhar

Mary Cosgrove (Lane)

Beth Giannotto

Roberta (Bobbie) Minervini

Neva Pownall

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To visit the Guild on Facebook,

[click HERE](#)



Search on Instagram:
Guildofcreativeart.org

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.

Volunteers Make the Guild Run You can help!!!

Please decide where you can volunteer.

Email the appropriate contact person for information.

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We Celebrate our Recent Volunteers

Building:

David Levy, Marcelo Bruno, Tom Camal, Duncan Culver, Jay Eaton, Bob Stetz

Data entry: Patricia Zilinski

Desk Coverage:

David Levy, Marino Cirillo

Eyesights 2026 Committee: David Levy, Barbara Russo, Audrey Lombardi, Steve Ravner, Patricia Hart Zackman

Figure Workshop: Susan Rickman

Grant Data: Patricia Zilinski

Grounds: David Levy

Guild Photography Group: Patricia Hart Zackman, Tom Camal

Housekeeping: David Levy, Tina Behr, Marcelo Bruno

LADACIN Network docent tour: David Levy, Barbara Russo

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

Mira Vie docent tour: David Levy

December Holiday, Lobby and Cash & Carry Shows: David Levy, Tina Behr, Tom Camal, Marino Cirillo,

Duncan Culver, Theresa Darke, Karen Donnelly, Joan Fruchter,

Audrey Goldman,

MaryAnn Goodwin, Anita Gutkin, Liz Jacobelli, Natalie Kadash,

Joan Manley, Mary Ann

McKay, Suzanne Parmly, Mary Polese, Jim Powers, Michele Rath,

Loretta Reilly, Beth Rys,

Madelyne Ryterband, Mary Ann Smorra, Karen Williams, Barbara Withers

Office Volunteers:

David Levy, Marino Cirillo, Natalie Kadash, Patricia Zilinski

Phone calls: David Levy

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

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

SEARCH Day Volunteers: David Levy

Social Media: David Levy, Barbara Withers

Technology: Marcelo Bruno, Jay Eaton, Barbara Withers

The Arc of Monmouth docent tour: David Levy, Barbara Russo

Volunteer Recognition: Bob Stetz

Webmasters: Mike Menendez, Steve Ravner

Would you like to volunteer?

Please select from the choices on the left side column and contact the appropriate person for information about how you can help the Guild. The Guild can only work if its members contribute.

Art Education and Growth Opportunities

~Instruction in the Guild Studio~

Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Guild Members

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

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



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

- No instruction
- Casual atmosphere
- Figure drawing with a live model
- Location: Guild Studio
- Sharpen your skills
- Open to all adult Guild members
- 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:

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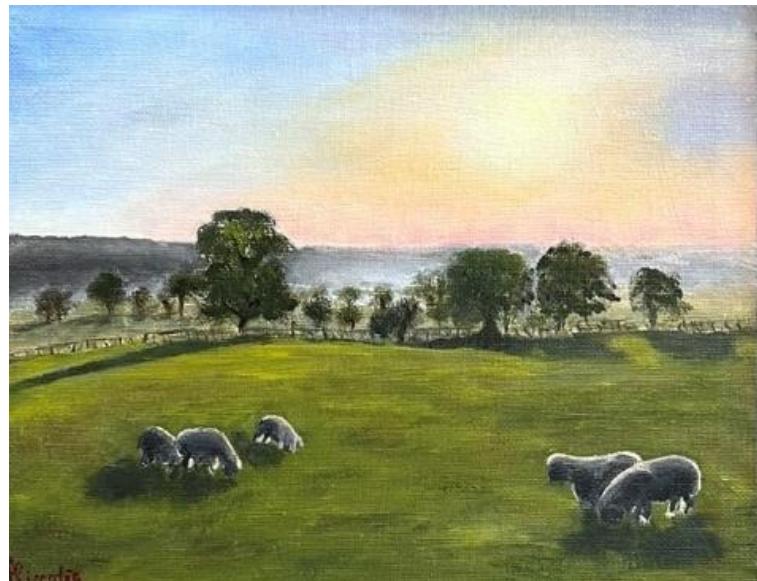
Click [HERE](#) for information about Guild memberships

Click [HERE](#) to join the Guild

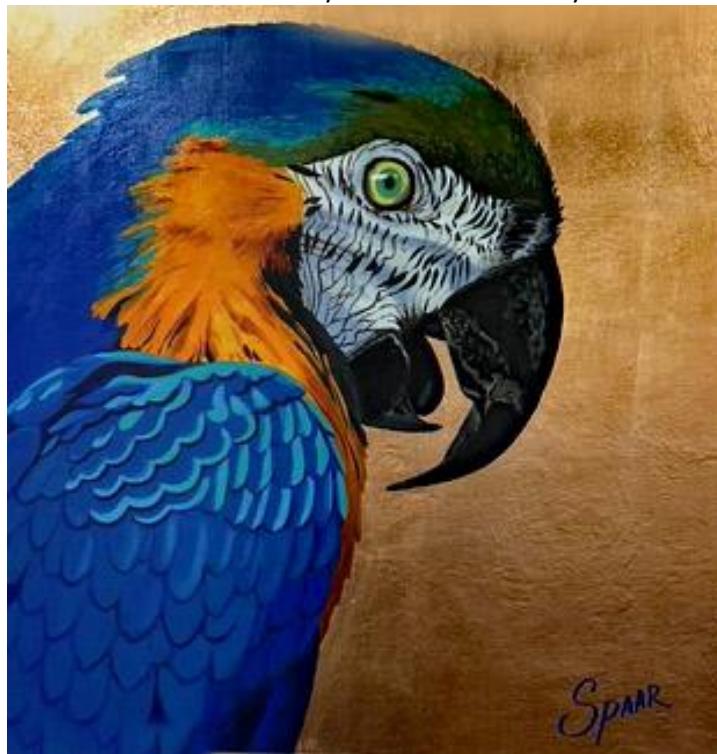
Images from the Guild's Holiday Show



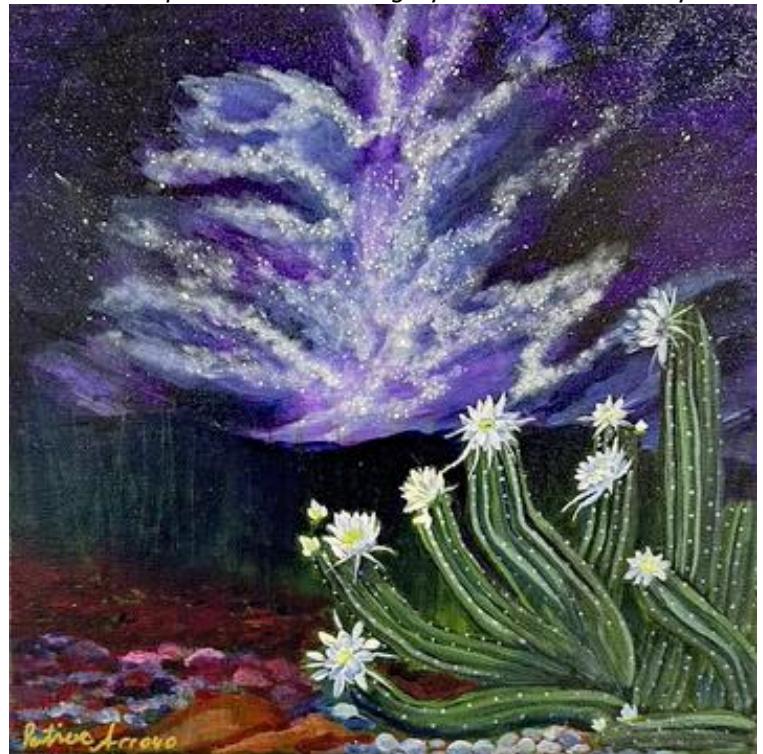
The Marsh by Anita Piccolie – Acrylic



Sheep Meadow Dawning by Anita Piccolie – Acrylic



McCaw by Keith Alan Spaar – Acrylic with Copper Lead



Moon Blooms by Patricia Arroyo – Acrylic

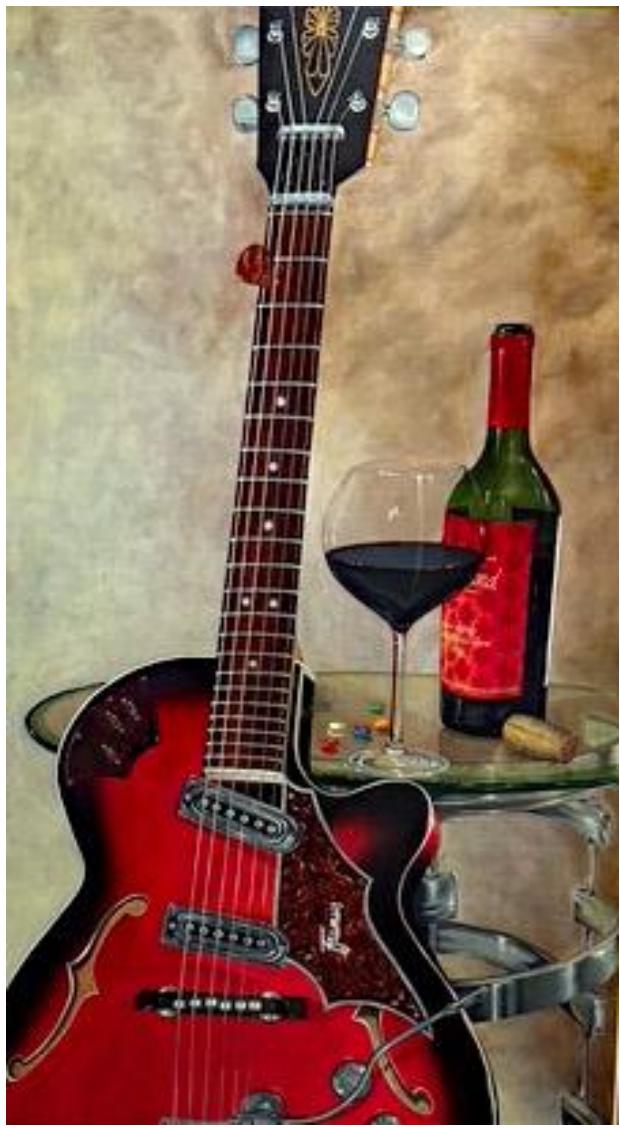
The photographic images of artwork appearing in the Guild's Bulletin represent a sampling of the original work displayed in our exhibits. We regret we cannot show all the work on display, but we invite you to visit our gallery and browse.

Artwork on display at the Guild is available for purchase. The Guild proudly offers 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.



Vintage Red by Sonny Kenn – Oil



Zebra – by Keith Alan Spaar – Acrylic with Gold Leaf



Fire Koi by Ira Rosenberg
Glass & Metal Sculpture



Lost Train by Ben DeMarco – Photography



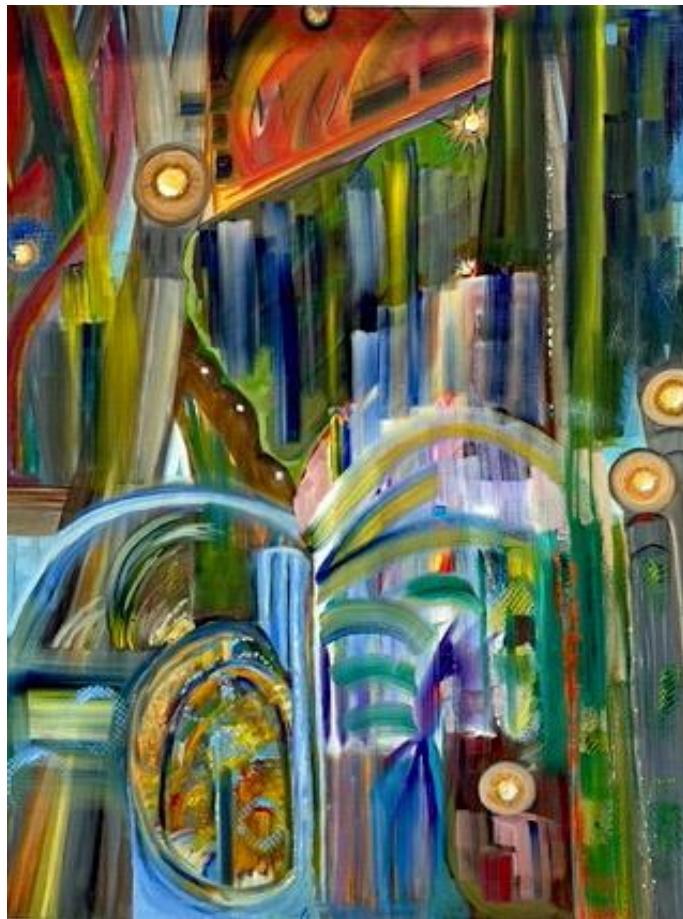
Morris by Michele Rath – Watercolor



Fragments of a Forgotten Code
Matt Wieczkowski – Mixed Media



Aflutter
Dana McKay – Acrylic & Collage



Segrada Familia
Madelyne Ryterband – Oil



Entangled
Dana McKay – Acrylic



Panda Ponderlings by Janet Felton – Porcelain



Love Cherish by Audrey Goldman – Ceramics



Pumpkin Harvest by Michele Rath – Watercolor



Golden Solitude by Barbara John Calvo – Oil



Lost Continent by Ernest Antholis – Pastel

Palace Amusement by Jerry McCarthy – Photography



Gimmee Shelter
Susan V. Penn – Mixed Media



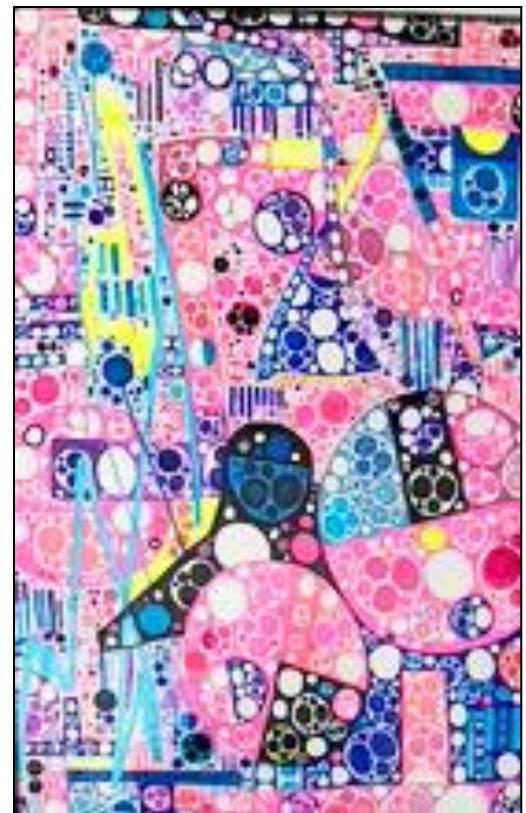
Integrity
Patricia Zilinski – Oil



Crown Royal Flush
Sonny Kenn – Oil



Winter in Vermont
Louis Rissland – Photography



Fascile 001
Sophie LaBell – Acrylic, Pen & Marker



Starry Night
Bonnie Ambrosia – Acrylic



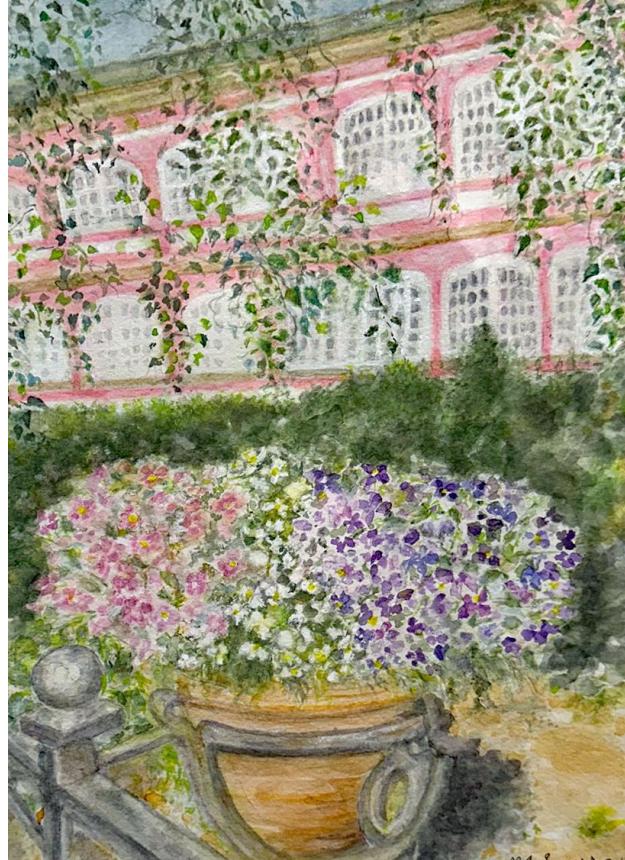
Caught
Suzanne Parmly – Acrylic



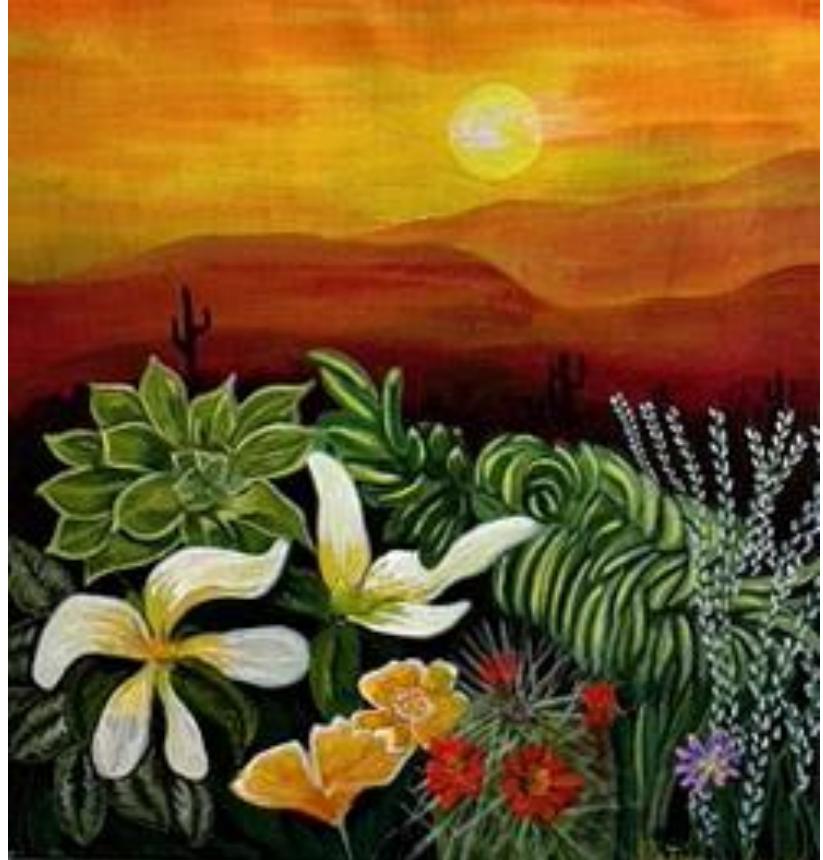
The Big Man by Cheri Pessutti – Watercolor



Butterflies by Susan V. Penn – Mixed Media



Alexander Nevsky Monastery
by Mary Ann Smorra – Watercolor



Sunset Bloom
by Patricia Arroyo – Acrylic



Kaleidoscope II by Patricia Zilinski – Oil



Fishing Pier by Mike Quon – Acrylic



Playing with Colors
Miklos I. Kiss – Acrylic



Deer in Snow
Marjorie Smith – Watercolor



Three Strong Winds
Duncan Culver – Sculpture



Symphony of Silence
Jeffrey W. Robinson – Acrylic



Winter Solstice
Arlene Smelson – Acrylic



Zen Inspired Cherries
Beth Stamp – Watercolor



Fantastic Fjord by Ellen Rubinstein



Celebrate Responsibly by Yicky Culver – Photo Collage



Sandy Hook Lighthouse
Bob Novak – Photography

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