

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

February 28 through March 25 in our Main Gallery



*The Guild of Creative Art
23rd Annual EyeSights 2026
Open Juried Photography Show*

Only online registrations are accepted.

Registration closes January 30, 2026. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Register for Art Classes

**All Mediums for
Teens and Adults**

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

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.

Guild Membership Dues for 2026

Click [HERE](#) to renew your
membership online

General: \$30

Associate: \$45

Exhibiting: \$80

All memberships are for the
calendar year ending
December 31st.

Renew today to get the full
benefits of your membership.



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Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00

Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00

April is High School Month

Rumson Fair Haven Regional Art Show

April 14 – 21

Reception April 17, 6:00 – 8:00

Red Bank Regional High School Art Show

April 22 – 29

Reception April 24, 6:00 – 8:00

Future Guild Exhibitions

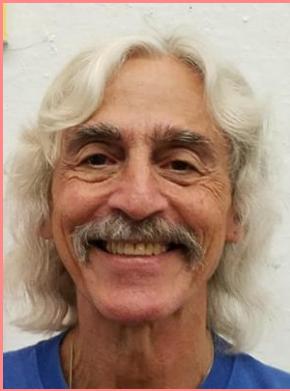
Click [HERE](#) for info about
future Guild exhibits

- 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

All dates and times are subject to change.

Guild President David Levy

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President's Message

By the time you read this, our Edgy Show will have passed, but if ever there were a time when Guild artists thought outside the box, and away from their comfort zones, this exhibit was proof positive. The 89 pieces on display were innovative, avant-garde, provocative, and weirdly "edgy!"

Kudos to Shrewsbury Mayor Kim Doran Eulner who graciously agreed to join Barbara Russo and me in judging this show. Fortunately, Kim was able to attend the reception to hand out awards. She graciously made time out of her busy schedule to mingle with artists afterwards. We loved having her! We also extend our thanks to all the Guild members and non-members who took the Edgy Show challenge. This was easily the "edgiest" show on record!

Next up: Our **Exhibiting and Associate Members' Show**, which runs from January 31st until February 24th. The opening reception will take place Sunday, February 1st from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. All of the artists who are part of this exhibit have participated in our Semi-Annual Portfolio Review and have been able to elevate their membership status. Achieving Associate or Exhibiting membership level offers greater opportunities to display your artwork, a constructive critique from your peers, and feedback that we, as artists, seldom receive. Keep in mind that the next opportunity for the Portfolio Review will be this May. Call the Guild to reserve your spot for receiving on Thursday, May 14th as judging will take place on Friday May 15th. Pickup, as always, is the following day, Saturday, May 16th.

Our **EyeSights 2026 Open Juried Photography Show** follows during the month of March (February 28th - March 25th, with a reception on March 1st from 3:00- 5:00 PM. **The online submission period ends precisely at midnight, January 30th.** This is the premier photography show in our area, and with over \$1500 in award monies and ten Medals of Achievement, competition is always fierce.

Our esteemed EyeSights judge is Jackie Dickert. Jackie has the difficult task of selecting about 100 pieces that will appear in the show from the hundreds of submissions that will be received. She will also decide on the award winners. We know she is up to the challenge. This is always an exciting event. We thank all who submitted photos and wish them the best of luck!

We finished our calendar year with over 400 members, and, with a flurry of donations during December, we were once again, able to finish the year "in the black." Of course, the life of a nonprofit organization is never easy. With the new year, the funding challenge begins again. We urge our members to renew their membership dues as soon as possible. Winter expenses, like snow removal and heat, are always rising. Renewing your membership in January or February can help the Guild keep ahead of those mounting costs. Click [HERE](#) to renew, or send a check, call the Guild, or come by to pay your dues, and see the show. There is always great art to enjoy!

As many of you know, award winning filmmaker, Erin Fleming, is filming a documentary about the Guild and its rich history. She has recorded many hours of the Guild's activities, and has interviewed several Guild members. Filming will continue through the spring, and editing the documentary will be a summer project for Erin. We are excited to see the finished product. The documentary has not yet been fully funded, so all donations to this project will be greatly appreciated.

Our annual Guild Scholarship will be awarded to a high school Senior in the class of 2026 from Monmouth or Ocean County, who will pursue a major in an art related field. Details appear on the next page of this bulletin. The application deadline is May 1st.

Please help us achieve our mission to advance excellence in the visual arts. Exhibit with us, volunteer with us, donate to us. All donations are vital to our success and enormously appreciated. To donate, please click [HERE](#).

Guild of Creative Art!

First of its kind!

First in its class!

The Guild of Creative Art and the James T. Gary Foundation present a

\$1,000 Scholarship

The Guild of Creative Art and the Gary Foundation will award a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who lives in Monmouth or Ocean County, and plans to major in the visual arts in an accredited college or art school during the 2026-2027 academic year.

- **Open to Painters, Sculptors, and Photographers**
- **Application, portfolio, and supporting documents must be received at the Guild by May 1, 2026**
- **Mail to: The Guild of Creative Art Guild Scholarship, 620 Broad Street, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702**

Click [HERE](#) for a fact sheet and application

Award notification will be sent in June 2026 for the 2026-2027 academic year

Contact Person: **Sheila Menendez** – Chairperson, Guild Scholarship
732-294-8543 or email scholarship@guildofcreativeart.org

Member News

Congratulations to Guild members **Patricia Hutchinson** for her Best in Show Award for *Veronica*, and **Michael Scherfen** for his First Place for *The Blacksmith* in the Belmar Arts Council 21st Annual Juried Show.

Also accepted into the exhibit: **Hillary Binder-Klein, Sandy Binger, Marino Cirillo, Richard Huff, Lesley Husband, Patricia Hutchinson, Mary O'Malley-Joyce, J. Derek Riddle, Michael Scherfen, Jackie St. Angel, Matt Wieczkowski**

Marino Cirillo has 3 of his photographs on display at the Belmar Art Center. The theme is “Figments and Fragments of Your Imagination”. The exhibit will run through May 2. The 3 photo names are: *Lots of Thoughts*, *Fire Eye* and *Mythical Horse*. He also received an Honorable Mention for *Fire Eye*.

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.

We Celebrate our Recent Volunteers

The Guild is Run by Volunteers and You Can Help!

Please decide where you can volunteer. Then, use the email address to contact the appropriate person for information.

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Mira Vie, docent tour: David Levy

Data entry: Natalie Kadash, Patricia Zilinski

May Garden Theme and Lobby Show and Receptions Volunteers: David Levy, Tina Behr, Leslie Backlund, Marino Cirillo, Duncan Culver, Karen Donnelly, Jay Eaton, Joan Fruchter, Louise Gelpke, MaryAnn Goodwin, Liz Jacobelli, Natalie Kadash, Joan Manley, Suzanne Parmly, Mary Polese, Jim Powers, Jane Rappleyea, Michele Rath, Jackie Renna, Barbara Russo, Barbara Withers

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Scholarship Committee: Sheila Menendez

SEARCH Day Volunteers: David Levy

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Would you like to volunteer?

The Guild can only operate on
“Member Power”

Please select from the choices on the left side column and contact the appropriate person for information about how you can help.



To visit the Guild on Facebook,
click [HERE](#)



Search on Instagram:
[Guildofcreativeart.org](https://www.instagram.com/guildofcreativeart.org)

Welcome New Members

Richard E. Caplan, Nalini Goel, Audrey Goldman
Carin Greenspan, Milla Khoroshilov
Mr. Khoroshilov, Charlene Lenning, Jerry McCarthy
Susan C. Penn, Cheri Pessutti, Marissa Singer
Dylan Smith, Mary Ann Smorra, Beth Stamp

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**
- 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



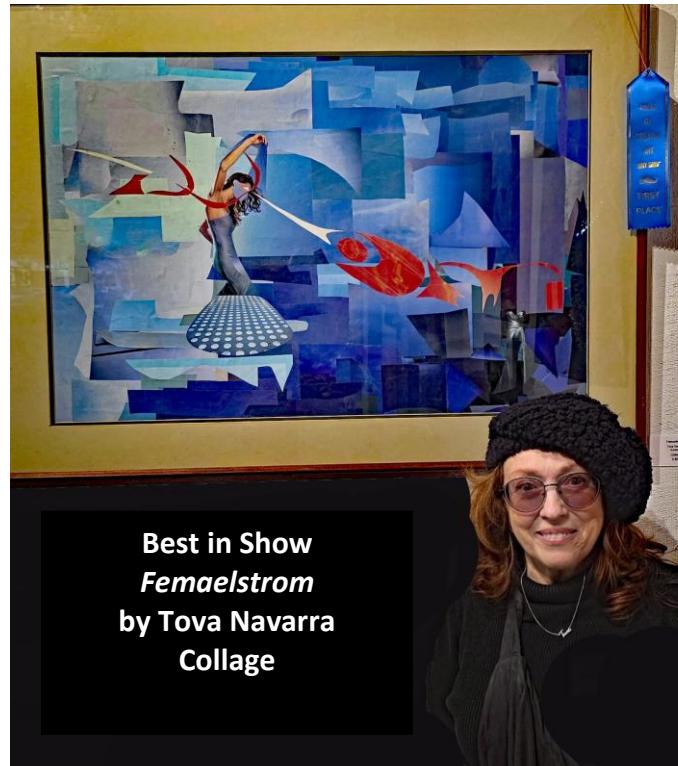
Cost: Guild Member: \$20 per two hour session
Non-Member: \$25 per two hour session

This workshop is headed by Susan Rickman
Contact Susan Rickman by email at: josunset@59@verizon.net



The Guild was honored to have Shrewsbury Mayor Kim Eulner (pictured left) as part of the 2026 **Edgy Show** team of judges with David Levy and Barbara Russo, the Guild's President and Vice President, respectively.

Award winners from the Guild's January 2026 **EDGY SHOW**



1ST PLACE: Tova Navarra
Femaelstrom – Collage

Judges' Comment:
"A clever and powerful title. A composition that effectively carries our eye to exactly where it should be. Is this a woman? A mermaid? Is she being attacked or is she the attacker? We love the color combinations, the changes in value, and the push/pull of two-dimensionality and three-dimensionality. Masterful collage!"



Second Place
Blue Flower Head
Audrey Goldman

2ND PLACE: Audrey Goldman
Blue Flower Head – Sculpture

Judges' Comment: "Delightfully innovative as a sculpture: sculpture as totem pole. Each section is highly provocative. There is a great flow as we scan this from top to bottom and from bottom to top. Weightier above that seems precarious and edgy. Edgy, yes, but optimistic too."

Third Place
Shattered
Vicky Culver
Mixed Media

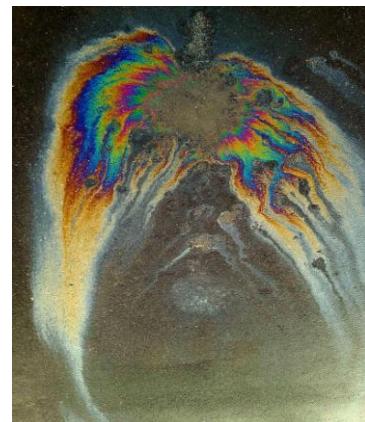


3RD PLACE: Vicky Culver
Shattered – Photography

Judges' Comment: "The person...male?...female?...why bald? ...shattered glass, and the family portrait lurking in the background (that the viewer might miss), compel us to know the story behind these variables. Are we looking at trauma? It appears so. Edgy, with the form and content perfectly in sync."



Honorable Mention
Mister Edge
Duncan Culver
Sculpture



Honorable Mention
Colorful Wings
Marino Cirillo
Photography



Honorable Mention
Fragments of a Singular Gaze
Jeffrey W. Robinson
Acrylic



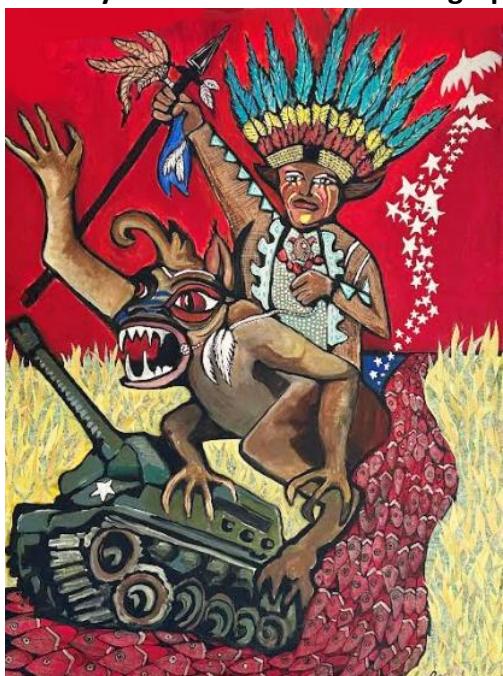
Honorable Mentions from the Guild's January 2026 EDGY SHOW



Honorable Mention
In Your Face by Ben De Marco – Photography



Honorable Mention
I'm Fine by John Hanson – Oil



Honorable Mention
Harnessing the Beast
Patricia Arroyo
Mixed Media
←



Honorable Mention
Dame de la Rue
Bob Dowd
Photography
→



Honorable Mention
Read On
Joan Manley
Mixed Media
→

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.

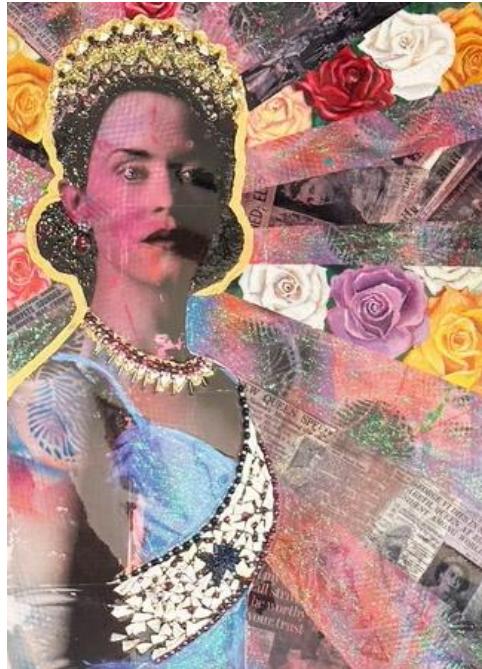
All donations to the Guild are voluntary and greatly appreciated.

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.

Images of Artwork from the Edgy Show



Chrysler Building
Debora Bruno – Photography



The Crown
Donna Sinisgalli – Mixed Media



Emotional Growth
Hillary Binder Klein – Acrylic



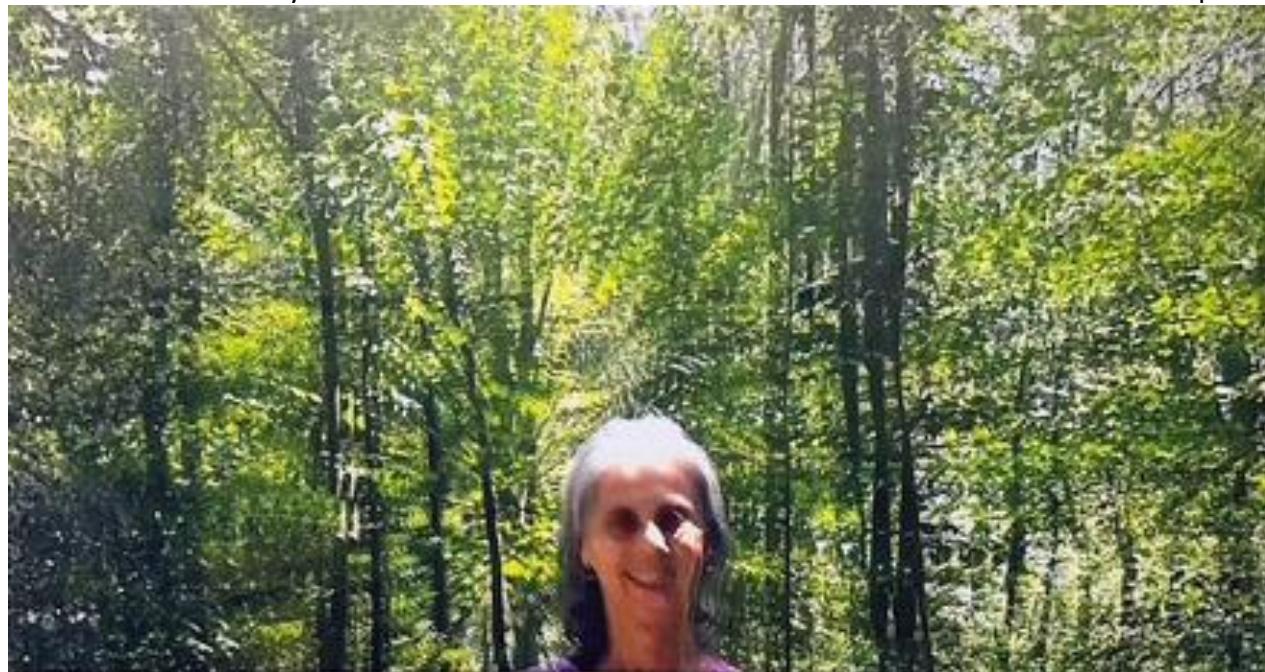
Sea Land Sky by Michael Menendez – Photography



Camouflage
MaryAnn Goodwin – Watercolor



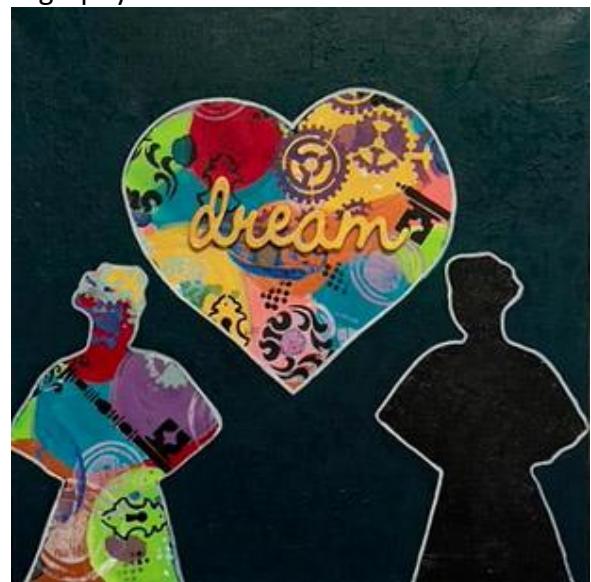
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Steven Lewis – Sculpture



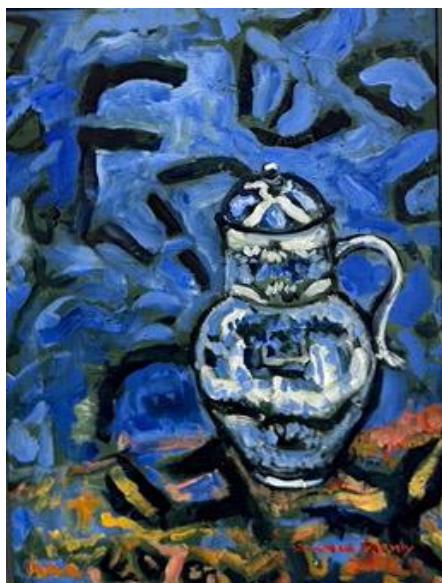
Expanding My Mind
Ellen Rubenstein – Photography



Alien Riverfront
Bob Novak – Photography



Beyond the Shadows, a Dream Awaits
Rachael Cohen – Mixed Media



Ode to Rouault
Suzanne Parmly – Acrylic



Birdbath
Susan C. Penn – Watercolor



Last Light
Lorraine Dey – Acrylic



The Fisher King
Lesley Husband – Photography



Edges
Janet Furlong – Watercolor



Primary
Hilary Binder Klein – Acrylic



George & Marilyn
Luke Isbrecht – Digital



Claypit Creek
Arthur Andersen – Oil



Living a Life of Sorts
Anita Gutkin – Mixed Me



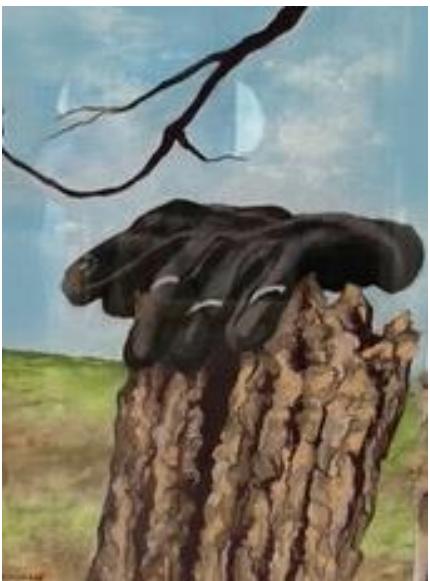
Veil of Scarlet Silence
Jeffrey W. Robinson – Acrylic



Secrets in Blue Ruffles by Mary Ann McKay – Mixed Media



Resurgence by Dana McKay – Acrylic



An Offhand Discovery
Susan Rickman – Pastel



Unusual Bagpiper
Marino Cirillo – Photography



Empty House by Donna Colasurdo – Acrylic



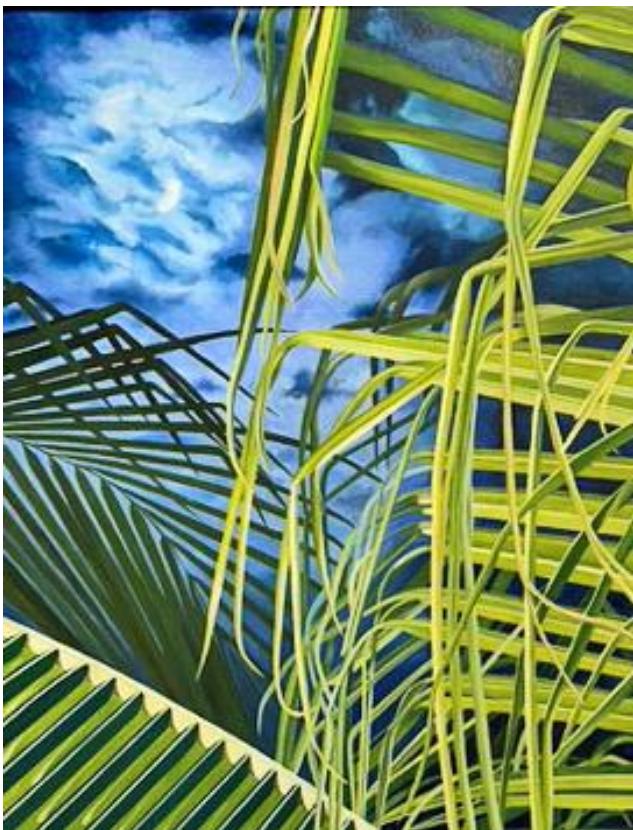
Oh, Happy Days by Bonnie Ambrosia – Acrylic



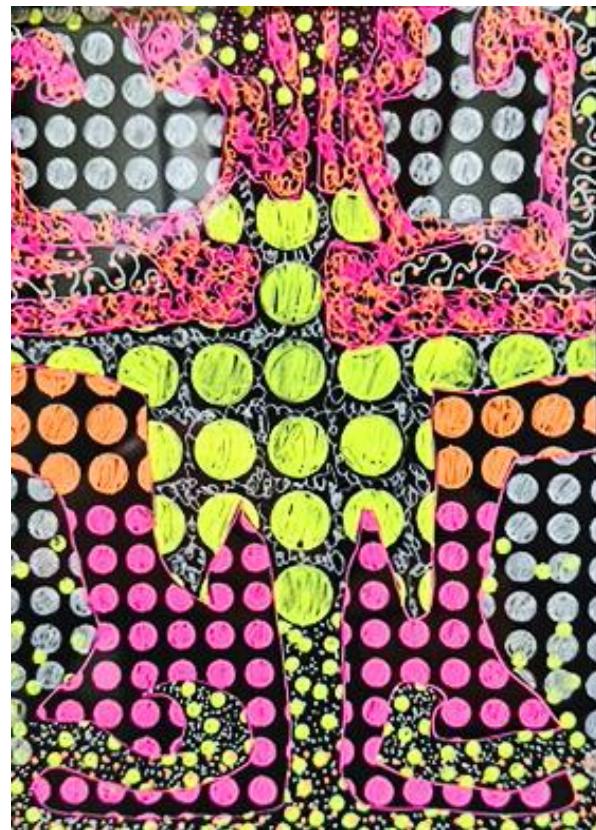
Late for Work by Mike Quon – Mixed Media



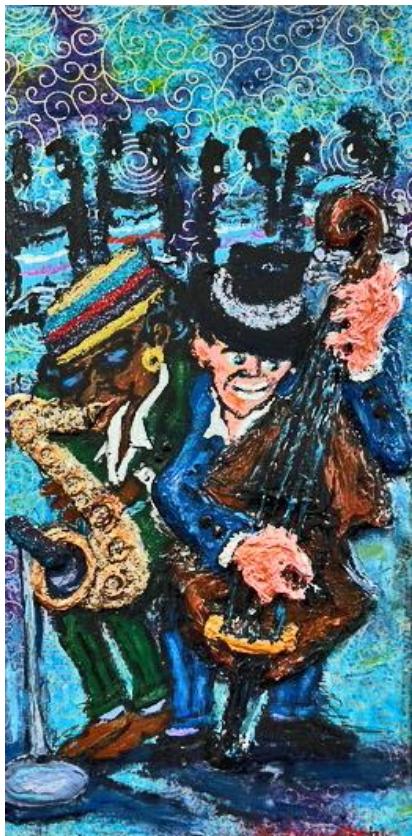
Upswept by Vincent Nardone – Mixed Media



Moonscape, Key West
Barbara Rowan Umar – Oil



Brightside Mini
Sophie LaBell – Acrylic/Gel Pen



It's Jazz Night
Demetrius Patterson – Acrylic



Something's Fishy
Ali Bowie – Clay

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