

In Our Studio Gallery in March

Artwork by artists in the
Tuesday Figure Workshop

In Our Lobby in March

Artwork by the Guild's
**Exhibiting and
Associate Members**

The Area's Premier Photography Show

Submission Period Closed
Over \$1500 in Cash Awards
Medals to all winners

Receiving for
all accepted
entries:

Wednesday,
Feb. 25th

Noon – 7:00

Reception: Sunday

March 1st 3: 00- 5:00 PM



EYESIGHTS 2026

on display from

February 28 to March 25

In Our Gallery in May **Garden Theme Show**

open to

All Guild Members

May 2 – May 27

Reception May 3,

3:00 to 5:00



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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 Show

Guild Gallery, April 14 – 21

Reception April 17, 6:00 – 8:00

Red Bank Regional High School Show

Guild Gallery, April 22 – 29

Reception April 24, 6:00 – 8:00

Artwork by students from

Neptune High School

in our Studio Gallery

Exhibiting and Associate

Members' Show in our lobby

In Our Studio in May

Artwork by students from the
class taught by

Leslie Backlund

plus in our lobby

**Exhibiting and Associate
Members' Show**

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](#)

Welcome New Members

William Harrison

James M. Kaplun

Dayle Lehr

Kelly Vendetti

Future Guild Exhibitions

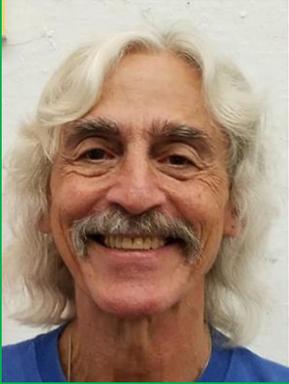
click [HERE](#) for:

- Show Dates:
(gallery, lobby, & studio)
- Entry eligibility requirements for shows
- Reception dates and times
- Receiving dates
Receiving takes place from Noon to 7:00 unless specified otherwise)
- After show art pick up dates & times

Dates and times are subject to change.

Guild President David Levy

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2026

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President's Message

It seems as if each of our monthly exhibits gets better and better, and the Associate and Exhibiting Members' show, displayed in our gallery and lobby is no exception. The question is why?

I believe that the scores of artists who have taken advantage of our Semi-Annual Portfolio Review have injected new blood into our Guild. The Portfolio Review is the only way to progress to Associate or Exhibiting status and obtain increased membership privileges and exhibiting opportunities. At each review we see new artists' works that are technically and artfully delightful, yet possess a certain uniqueness.

We had nineteen participants in our last Portfolio Review in November 2025. The next Portfolio Review is in May 2026. This Portfolio Review will have a limit of twelve applicants. However, instead of having artists wait six months for the next opportunity, the jurors will reconvene in about one month later for any additional applicants.

Click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the home page of our website for more information about Portfolio Review. Keep in mind that receiving for the next Portfolio Review will be Thursday, May 14th. Please call the Guild at 732 741-1441 to reserve a spot.

Our EyeSights Open Juried Photography Show will be on display in our main gallery from February 28 to March 25. Our esteemed judge, Jacki Dickert, is an accomplished, award winning photographer herself. She pared down 214 submissions to the 100 accepted into the show. As she will be awarding \$1500+ in money awards plus ten Medals of Achievement, the reception on Sunday, March 1st from 3:00 – 5:00 PM, is sure to be well attended. The EyeSights show is one of the premier photography exhibits in New Jersey. If you want to experience the excitement of the presentation of awards, come to the reception. There is nothing like it. However, if you prefer, come during the week, or better yet, visit the Guild on a Saturday. I will be at the Guild on Saturdays, as always, from 10:00 to 3:00 and will personally give you and yours a private docent tour!

Erin Fleming, our award winning documentarian, continues to film Guild activities for the documentary about the Guild that she is producing. She will likely continue filming through the spring and use the summer to edit. We are excited to see the final product.

Last of all, I ask all members to renew their membership as soon as possible. Membership dues are an essential source of income for us and the winter, with heating and snow removal costs, is a difficult time for us, especially this winter.

As of this writing, about 270 members have joined or renewed their membership. For mid-February, that is a record. But we have a long way to go. At the end of last year, we had 400+ members.

To renew, call the Guild, send a check, come in, or click [HERE](#) to renew online.

We so appreciate your support. The Guild could not function without the support of its members.

Guild of Creative Art:

First of its kind!

First in its class!

Member News

Mona Pollard has an exhibit “Love Letters” at the Gallery Jupiter, 31 Church Street, Little Silver through March 18, 2026. Her show is also featured in the Tri-City News.

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 quality and 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.

Guild Membership Dues for 2026

General: \$30

Associate: \$45

Exhibiting: \$80

Memberships expire each year on December 31st.

Click [HERE](#) to pay your dues online.



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



Search on Instagram: [Guildofcreativeart.org](#)

Would you like to volunteer?

**The Guild exists
because of
Member Power!
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

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Special Events: **Billy Brown, Black History: David Levy, Tina Behr**

Technology: **Marcelo Bruno, Jay Eaton, Barbara Withers**

Volunteer Recognition: **Bob Stetz**

Webmasters: **Mike Menendez, Steve Ravner**



Snowflake Mandala
by Nalini Goel



See something you like?

Artwork on display in our galleries at the Guild of Creative Art, and our off-site shows, is for sale. For information regarding the purchase of original art at affordable prices, click [HERE](#).

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** rstetz2@verizon.net
- Mastering the Media of the Masters - Instructor: **Sven Widen** openingyoureyes@verizon.net
- Watercolor Painting - Instructor: **Randy Mayer** randy@randtmayer.com
- Drawing - Instructor: **Randy Mayer** randy@randtmayer.com
- Beginner Pastels - Instructor: **Carole Rogers** Cr Rogers222@gmail.com
- Drawing and Painting - Instructor: **Leslie Backlund** lesliebacklund@gmail.com
- Landscapes in Oils – Instructor: **Pratima Rao (May and September only)**



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

Phone: 908.461.5579



Pratima Rao returns to the Guild of Creative Art with a four-week Landscape Oil Painting class. You will learn fundamentals of landscape oil painting while also exploring your own unique voice with expressive brushwork and color. These classes are designed for all experience levels though some familiarity with oil painting is necessary.

Pratima Rao is a national award-winning artist from Holmdel, New Jersey. She has been juried into and participated in some of the most prestigious national Plein air events in the country such as Plein Air Easton, Paint Annapolis and Wayne Plein Air Festival. She is very involved with Plein air painting both in the US and abroad, participating in international artist residency programs in Italy, Greece and most recently in Spain. Her oil paintings have also been juried into national exhibitions sponsored by the American Impressionist Society. Pratima enjoys teaching and offers classes and workshops to the community in Monmouth County, for both studio and Plein air landscape oil painting. She is an exhibiting member and instructor at the Guild of Creative art, an associate member of the American Impressionist Society and an artist member of the Salmagundi Arts Club in New York City.



Tuition for the four-class session is
\$145 for Guild members, \$175 for non-members
Tuition includes classes on
Fridays May 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 10am – noon
(a makeup class will be offered on 5/29 if needed)
If you are interested, please email Pratima at
pratimarao05@yahoo.com

More info about Pratima Rao can be found at www.pratimarao.com



Fall Colors, Thompson Park
by Pratima Rao

Please note: The Pastel class with Carole Rogers, will meet from 1:00 – 3:00 during May. Contact instructor for more info.

Informal Figure Workshop:

Tuesdays 10:00 - Noon

- No instruction, casual atmosphere
- Figure drawing with a live model in the Guild studio
- Open to all adult Guild members, non-member adults also invited
- No pre-registration required. No need to call, come when you can

This workshop is headed by Susan Rickman.

Contact Susan Rickman by email at: josunset59@verizon.net

Check out our work on
display in the Guild's
Studio Gallery

Cost: Guild Member: \$20 per day
Non-Member: \$25 per day

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

Click [HERE](#) to join the Guild

A Sampling of Entries in the Guild's February Show by Exhibiting and Associate Guild Members



Destiny's Reflection by Jeffrey W. Robinson – Acrylic



Four Pears by Arthur Andersen – Oil



Turtle Oasis by Nalini Goel – Paper Quilling



Confit & Flowers by John Hanson – Oil

Exhibitors: To have your work displayed in our monthly bulletin, please send us a jpg image of your artwork

Artwork must be titled as follows: Your Last Name.Your First Name.Title of artwork.Medium.Town of residence.

Example: Doe.John.My Painting.Pastels.Rumson **Images must be in jpg format, and may be rejected due to quality or space availability. Send your jpg image to guildofcreativeart@verizon.net**

The images of artwork appearing in the Guild's Bulletin represent a sampling of the work displayed in our exhibits. Colors and perspective may differ slightly from the original art. 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. All exhibits are open to the public and admission free. Donations are gladly accepted and appreciated as they are an integral part of our operating budget.

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.



Lunes of Hippocrates I by David Levy – Acrylic



Tie One On by Sonny Kenn – Oil



Snowflakes Galore
Donna Colasurdo – Photography



Snowflake Mandala
Nalini Goel – Paper Quilling



Slide Show
Sonny Kenn – Oil



Beleaf It or Knot by Duncan Culver – Sculpture



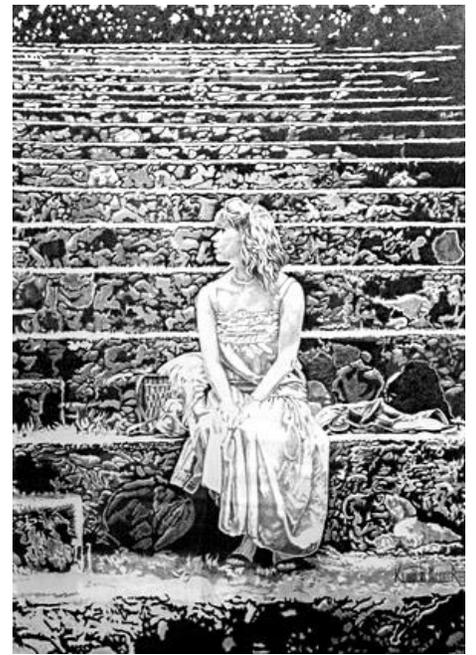
Belmar Pier by Bob Novak – Photography



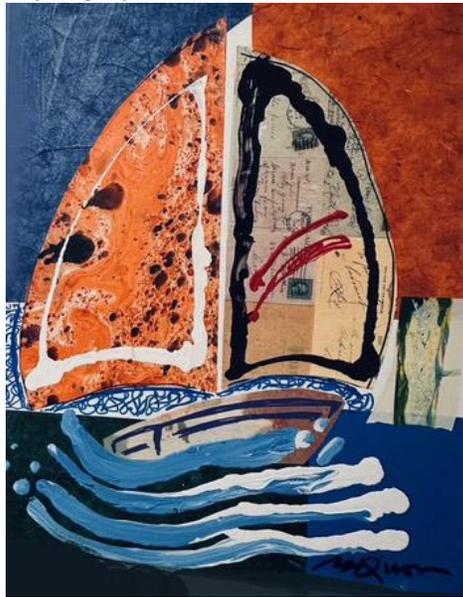
Spring by Veronica Pearce – Watercolor



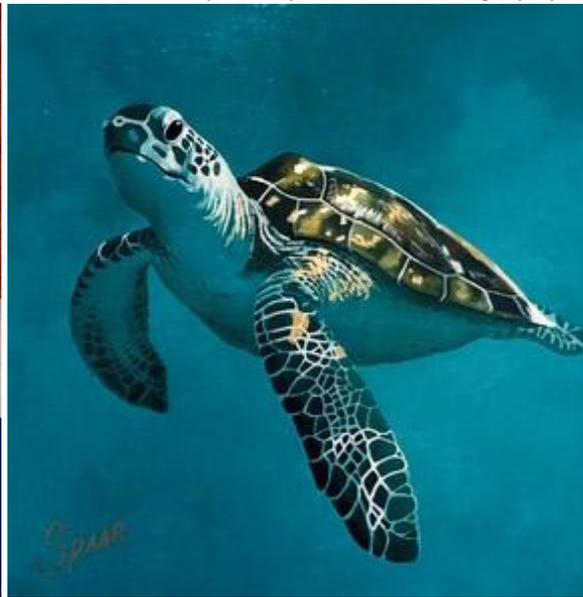
The Bride by Marilyn Baldi – Photography



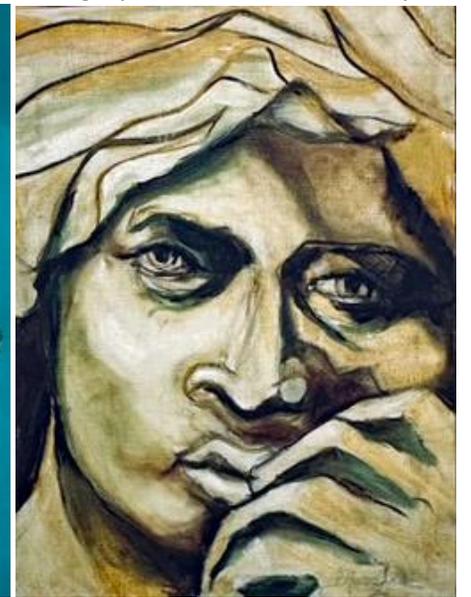
Waiting by Kenneth Weiner – Graphite



Sail Out to Sea by Mike Quon – Collage



Sea Turtle by Keith Alan Spaar – Mixed Media



Mentor by Tova Navarra – Oil Wash



Come Fly With Me by Sherri Ehrlich – Mixed Media



English Garden by Ilene Smith – Oil



Blooming Blue Lacecaps
Mary Ann Smorra – Watercolor



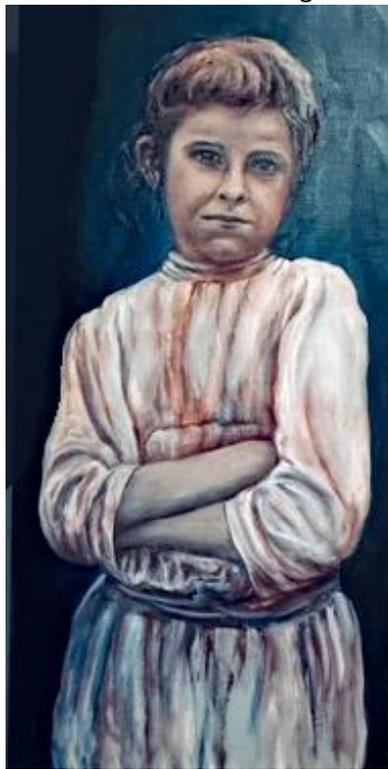
My Silent Commotion
Yolanda Fleming – Gouache



Tim's Boat
John Hanson – Oil



Crimson Silence
Jeffrey W. Robinson – Acrylic



Mill Worker with Attitude
Mary Ann McKay – Oil on Board



Tumbling Pots Faces
Audrey Goldman – Sculpture



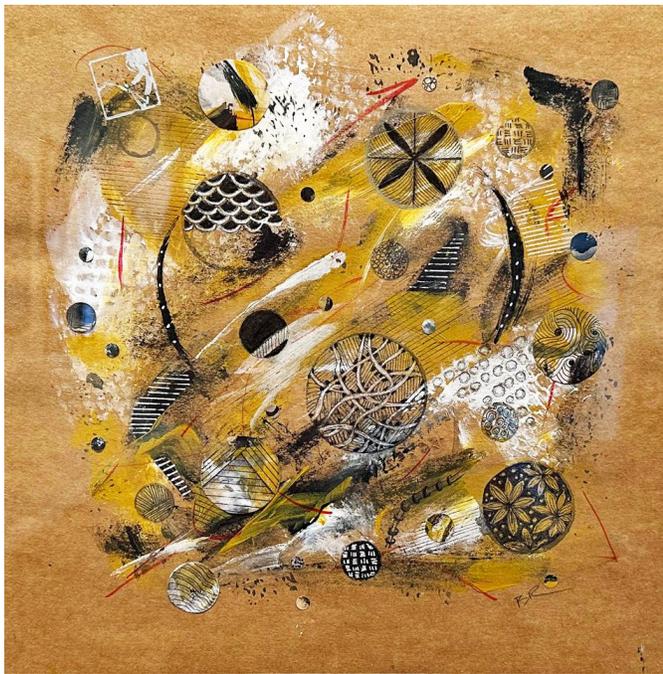
The Mill Girl's New Skirt
Mary Ann McKay – Mixed



The Lake by Lorraine Dey – Acrylic



Awe Some by C. Frank Urmev – Oil



Dream Catcher by Barbara Russo – Mixed Media



Starbirth Belt by Lee Sliwa – Mixed Media



Tranquility by Ben De Marco – Photography



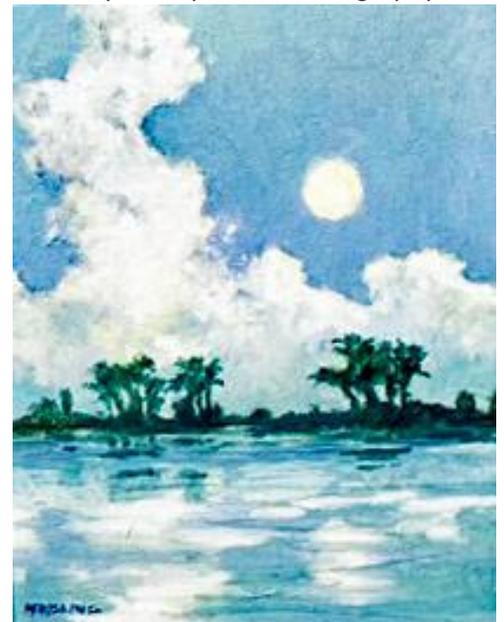
Cardinal Rule by Jeffrey Rinn - Photography



Another Grate Day
Susan C. Penn – Mixed Media



Pink on Pink
Sophie LaBell – Acrylic and Gel Pen



Moon Over Sedge
Guy Hembling – Oil



Lunes of Hippocrates II by David Levy – Acrylic



Snow Mom by Anne Goldberg – Acrylic



Flamingo by Keith Alan Spaar – Acrylic



Tide Lines II by Leona Tenebruso-Shultes – Oil



Four Seasons by Debora Bruno – Photography



Gayle by Steven Lewis – Sculpture



Sunrise by Michael Marino – Photography

Artwork by Students in Sven Widen's Wednesday Morning Class



Mastering the Media of the Masters with Sven Widen

Wednesdays between 10:00 and 1:00

Your choice of:

4 @ 2 hour classes	\$136 Guild Member	\$166 Non-Member
4 @ 2 ½ hour classes	\$170 Guild Member	\$200 Non-Member
4 @ 3 hour classes	\$204 Guild Member	\$234 Non-Member

Instruction in All Mediums

Artwork below by Sven Widen



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