

In our Gallery June 27 – July 29

SUMMER SHOW OF PAINTERS

Open to All Guild Members

Painting Mediums Only

Reception: June 28 from 3:00 – 5:00

In our Studio Gallery

Artwork by students in

Carole Rogers' Pastel Class



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Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00

Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00

August 1 – August 26

All Mediums

Guild Exhibiting Members' Show

Opening Reception: August 2nd from 3:00 – 5:00

The Guild of Creative Art presents

250 Years:

Past, Present, and Future

The Guild of Creative Art invites Guild members and non-members to participate in a tribute to America exhibition, a visual journey celebrating the 250th anniversary of our nation. Artists are encouraged to enter artwork that depicts an event from the past, present, or future, reflecting the story and evolution of American history.

Show Dates: June 27 – July 26

NO ENTRY FEE – NO COMMISSION

Location: Guild of Creative Art Gallery

Click [HERE](#) for Prospectus

Open to all artists and photographers
Guild Members and Non-Members

For more info, contact:

Barbara Russo – bargraphx@comcast.net

All work must be 5" x 7"

MaryAnn Goodwin – maryanngoodwinarts@gmail.com

Guild Membership Dues for 2026

Have you paid your 2026 dues?

General: \$30

Associate: \$45

Exhibiting: \$80

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

Register for Art Classes

All Mediums for Teens and Adults

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

For detailed information about our classes, 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.

Future Guild Exhibit Info

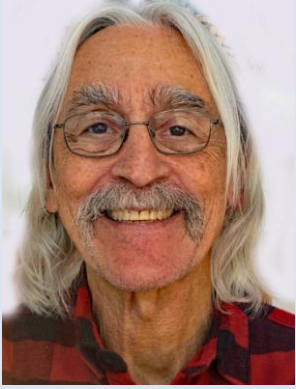
Show dates, eligibility, reception dates and times, receiving dates (noon to 7:00 PM), after show art pick up dates & times

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

Dates and times are subject to change.

Guild President David Levy

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President's Message

The Pastel Society of New Jersey's exhibit at the Guild was unique in several ways. We have never had a show devoted exclusively to pastels. We have never had a show in which another organization hired two judges: one to select which pieces were accepted, and another who selected the award winners. The resulting 46 pieces and 19 awards were truly impressive. Portraits, landscapes and still lifes showed great imagination, fine compositions, attention to detail, and a photorealism that surprised and delighted all who were fortunate enough to view this exhibit. How many times did I hear, "This is pastel? I cannot believe it!" Congratulations to Guild instructor Carole Rogers, who not only co-chaired the event, but won an award as well. Two other Guild instructors, Randy Mayer and Susan Rickman, also received awards, as did Exhibiting Member Lori Weisenfeld. It is safe to say that the Guild's presence in this inspiring exhibit was huge. The Pastel Show ends June 24th.

Next up: Our Summer Show of Painters, open for paintings only, from Guild members and non-members. Receiving is on June 25th from noon until 7:00 PM. The show runs from June 27th through July 29th, with a reception on June 28th from 3:00 – 5:00. A special feature of this show will be "250 Years: Past, Present, and Future", a display of 5X7 photographs on a mobile wall devoted to a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of this nation. There is no entry fee and no commission on sales, and is open to Guild members and non-members. Receiving is on June 25th from noon to 7:00 PM. Click [HERE](#) for a prospectus. Thanks to Guild Vice President Barbara Russo, Board Member Barbara Withers, and especially Board Member MaryAnn Goodwin who contributed to this event.

Guild Exhibiting Member, Sherri Ehrlich and her husband Charlie Clarke present a concert at the Guild on Saturday, June 20th. Although this benefit concert will likely be past history by the time you read this, I wish to thank them both for using their abundant talent to support the Guild. Sherri is an engaging vocalist and Charlie is a fine pianist and composer who is an accomplished singer as well. Their concert is titled "America Through Song". It will be a nostalgic look at the songs that are part of the fabric of America's past. We are hoping for a large turnout for this celebration. This will be the first of three benefit concerts that have been offered to us. We are also looking forward to a poetry reading at the Guild in the fall.

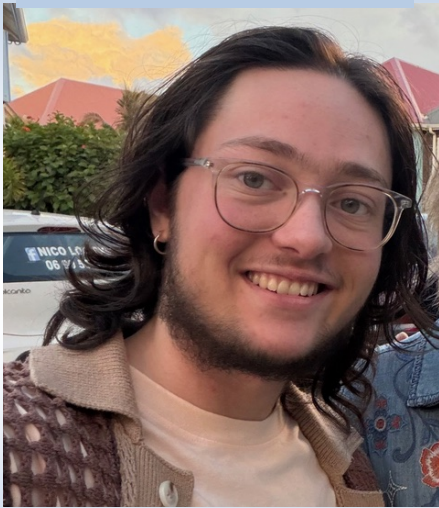
As a nonprofit, we are always trying to keep up with our ever increasing expenses. A new furnace for the studio is the latest expense we must bear. Support comes through revenue from classes, sales, donations, and membership dues. We have about 370 members at present, well ahead of last year at this time. This income is vital to our existence. Renew your membership for 2026 if you have not done so already. It's as easy as clicking [HERE](#).

Thinking of improving your skills as an artist? Take advantage of our Guild classes. Our instructors are second to none. Click [HERE](#) to check out the selection of classes the Guild offers. Then call the instructor to find out when their next session is available, and what materials you need.

Finally, take ownership of the Guild by becoming a member, if you are not one by now. Exhibit with us, volunteer for us, and be a part of our community dedicated to advancing excellence in the visual arts.

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

2026 Guild Scholarship Winner



Kirin Zaidan

Communications High School
Wall, NJ

2026 Guild of Creative Art/James T. Gary Foundation Scholarship Winner

Kirin Zaidan, a senior at Communications High School in Wall, has been selected as this year's winner of the Guild of Creative Art/James T. Gary Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded, each year, to a graduating senior from Monmouth or Ocean County who plans to major in fine arts at an accredited college, university, or art school next fall. Kirin will attend Rhode Island School of Design in the fall 2026.

Kirin noted in his essay that "a large percentage of my work so far has been dedicated to self-portraiture; making personal, vulnerable artworks has helped me discover my identity. My art showed me the joy in sharing a genuine part of myself with others."

Kirin's art teacher at Communications High School, Shelley Ortnier, stated that Kirin "is a student who genuinely stands out. He is intensely curious, deeply creative, and exceptionally hard working."

Furthermore, she stated that "Kirin is one of the most talented young artists and designers I have encountered in my career."

The Guild wishes Kirin the best of luck in Rhode Island School of Design.. We look forward to his art making an impact in the future.

The Guild's College Scholarship Funding Invest in the Future - You Can Participate!

As a member of the Guild of Creative Art, you know how vital encouragement and opportunities are to young artists. Each spring, the Guild of Creative Art and the James T. Gary Foundation combine to award a \$1000 Scholarship to a graduating high school senior from Monmouth or Ocean County that plans to enroll at an accredited college, university, or art school during the subsequent fall of that year. We invite you to support the next generation of artists with a gift of \$25 or more.

You may donate in your own name or make a tribute or memorial gift to honor someone special. All donors will be recognized at the Guild reception honoring the scholarship recipient.

- You can donate by calling 732-741-1441 between 11:30 pm - 3:30 pm or...
- Click [HERE](#) to donate online. Indicate scholarship in the comments and the name of the person (if any) designated for a tribute or memorial or...
- You can send your donation to:
Guild of Creative Art, 620 Broad Street, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



Together, we can invest in the future of the arts in our community.

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Original Art on Display

The oldest and largest art community in New Jersey, the Guild of Creative Art, is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing excellence in the visual arts through teaching, exhibits, workshops, and special events.

The Guild features monthly exhibits open to the public, with free admission, art classes in a variety of mediums, docent tours, gallery and studio rentals. In addition, we are a premier source of original art at affordable prices.

Member News



Wainright House Museum and Craft Center Farmingdale, NJ



A photograph by **Michael Menendez** titled *Peggy's Cove Lighthouse* (above) was accepted into the Third Annual Churchville, Pennsylvania, Photography Club Digital Competition. His entry won 2nd place in the Landscape/Seascapes division.

The Historic Wainright House Museum and Craft Center will be the venue for its Sixth Annual Photography Show, hosted by Wainright House owner, Virginia Woolley of Farmingdale. Guild members involved with the show include Guild Instructor, and Board Member, **Robert Stetz** of Farmingdale, who will be the judge. Guild Exhibitions Coordinator, **Vicky Culver**, coordinated and organized the show, assisted by **Duncan Culver**, and **Bob Novak** of Howell, and **Jane Rappleyea** of Colts Neck. Among the artwork featured are photographs by Guild members: **Marilyn Baldi** of Tinton Falls, **Marino Cirillo** of Red Bank, **Vicky Culver** of Howell, **Bob Dowd** of Colts Neck, **Johanna Ericson** of Atlantic Highlands, **Dana McKay** of Eatontown, **Bob Novak** of Howell, **Jim Powers** of Oakhurst, and **Richard Rappleyea** of Colts Neck. Winners will be announced and ribbons awarded at 3:00 at the closing reception from 1:00 – 4:00 on Sunday, June 28. All are welcome.

Congratulations to Guild Members accepted into the New Jersey Pastel Society's exhibit at the Guild through June 24th: **Randy Mayer** (Marge Levine Memorial award for "Remembering Bob"), **Susan Rickman** (UART Award for "Something Brewing", **Carole Rogers** (Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club Award for "Unfolding", **Lori Weisenfeld** (Connecticut Pastel Society for "The Cabin"). Guild members also in the Exhibit include **Harvey Rogosin** and **Susan VanVolkenburgh**.

Send us a jpg image of your Member News item and have your artwork displayed 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 usage is subject to quality and space availability 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 . Shrewsbury

Send your news item with or without an image to info@guildofcreativeart.org.

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.

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. The Guild of Creative Art 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.

**The Guild is run
by Member
Volunteers and
you can help!**

Please decide where you can volunteer. Then, use the email address provided to contact the appropriate person listed below.

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Liz Jacobelli, Bob Stetz,
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Network, Mira Vie, the Villas of

Holmdel docent tours:

David Levy, Barbara Russo

Laundry: Tina Behr, Phil Jacobelli,

Offsite/Arbor Terrace: David Levy

Ocean First CEO's conference:

**David Levy, Barbara Russo
Liz Jacobelli**

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

**Pastel Society of New Jersey
Gallery Show and Exhibiting**

Members' Lobby Show:

**David Levy, Tina Behr,
Duncan Culver, Karen Donnelly,
Anita Gutkin, Lesley Husband,
Natalie Kadash, Mary Ann McKay,
Joan Manley, Bob Novak,
Debbi Page, Michele Rath,
Carole Rogers, David Schlosser,
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Guild of Creative Art Membership

Membership offers the following advantages:

- entry in "Members Only" exhibits
- discounted entry fees for specific Guild Shows
- discounted tuition for Guild classes, workshops, & more
- the opportunity to exhibit in the monthly lobby show (Exhibiting and Associate members only)

The Guild of Creative Art survives fiscally on generous donations from our members, proceeds from our workshops and classes, commissions from the sale of artwork, fundraising events, and member dues. Join today and become a part of the Guild family. Click [HERE](#) to join.

Guild Fees

- Gallery Commissions on Artwork Sales:
Sales on Guild premises: 33¹/₃% Off-site sales: 20%
- Gallery rental, hanging, & tags: \$500
- Portfolio Pieces, Cards, Jewelry, Books, Fine Crafts: 20%
- Instructors: The Guild retains 30% of Member Tuition plus 100% of non-member surcharge.

Legacy and Friend Donations

Two Ways You Can Help the Guild

LEGACY CIRCLE PATRON: is a Guild member who bequeaths in their last Will and Testament \$10,000 or more to the Guild of Creative Art
LEGACY CIRCLE BENEFACTOR: bequeaths \$5,000 to \$9,999
A LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBER \$1000 to \$4999 to Guild of Creative Art

FRIEND OF THE GUILD GOLD LEVEL donates \$5,000+ to the Guild
FRIEND OF THE GUILD SILVER LEVEL donates \$3,000 to \$4,999
FRIEND OF THE GUILD BRONZE LEVEL donates \$500 to \$2,999
FRIENDS OF THE GUILD: members who donate up to \$499 to the Guild

Donations received honoring deceased Guild members in the amounts shown above are also eligible to be designated a FRIEND OF THE GUILD. Click [HERE](#) to make a donation to the Guild

Paul Hansen Original Painted Tees

One of a Kind Design!

**Variety of Sizes
and Colors**

You have enjoyed his exhibits, now you can wear his artwork!

\$25

while supplies last.

Only available at the Guild of Creative Art



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 artwork, click [HERE](#).

You can be a Medal Sponsor

Your Guild membership gives you the opportunity to sponsor awards for selected exhibits. You may choose the awards to be in your own name, or be titled to honor the memory or celebrate the life of a loved one. The choice is yours. You also get to choose the medium category and the quantity of awards (up to 15) that you wish to sponsor awards.

Email guildofcreativeart@verizon.net



Art Education and Growth Opportunities

Art Instruction in the Guild Studio

Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Day & Time</u>	<u>Contact Instructor</u>
Drawing and Painting	Leslie Backlund	Saturdays 12:00-2:00	lesliebacklund@gmail.com
Watercolor Concept to Completion	Bob Stetz	Tuesdays 1:00-3:00	rstetz2@verizon.net
Media of the Masters	Sven Widen	Wednesday 10:00 – 12:00, 12:30 or 1:00	openingyoureyes@verizon.net
Drawing	Randy Mayer	Thursdays 10:30 – 11:30	randy@randymayer.com
Watercolor Painting	Randy Mayer	Thursdays 11:30 – 1:30	randy@randymayer.com
Beginner Pastels	Carole Rogers	Fridays 10:00 – 12:00	crogers222@gmail.com

To register online for a class, click [HERE](#)

For more info about each class, [email the instructor](#).



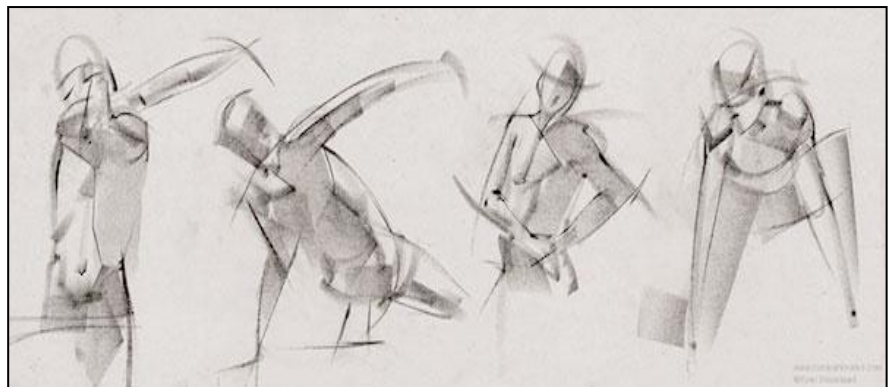
The Guild Photography Group

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

Free to Guild photographers.
Contact Patricia Hart Zackman:
Email: digitalphz@yahoo.com
Phone: 908.461.5579

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

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



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

This workshop is coordinated by **Susan Rickman**

Contact Susan Rickman by email at:

josunset59@verizon.net

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

Click [HERE](#) to join the Guild Online

Starts July 2nd - Sign Up Today

Portfolio Prep

ART CLASSES

Create original art compositions
in a variety of media to be used in
various portfolios and college
supplements

JULY 2, 9, 16, 23

6-8 pm

\$225

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620 Broad St, Shrewsbury

Sign up at

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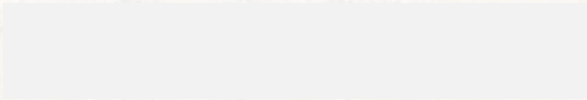




Exhibit Images from the 21st Annual Pastel Society of NJ

Juried Exhibition at the Guild of Creative Art

The Pastel Society of New Jersey showcased artwork at the Guild of Creative Art during June. On display was artwork by its members who were accepted into the 21st Annual Juried Members Exhibition.

Over 20 years ago, the Pastel Society of New Jersey (PSNJ) began with the mission to promote educational activities, programs, demonstrations, and workshops for pastel artists throughout the area. Their goal is to present its members with opportunities to exhibit pastel paintings of professional quality and to promote public interest in this beautiful medium. Members are part of a community of like-minded artists, who share a love of versatile and vibrant pastels.



Laurie Harden "Moving In"
Best in Show Award



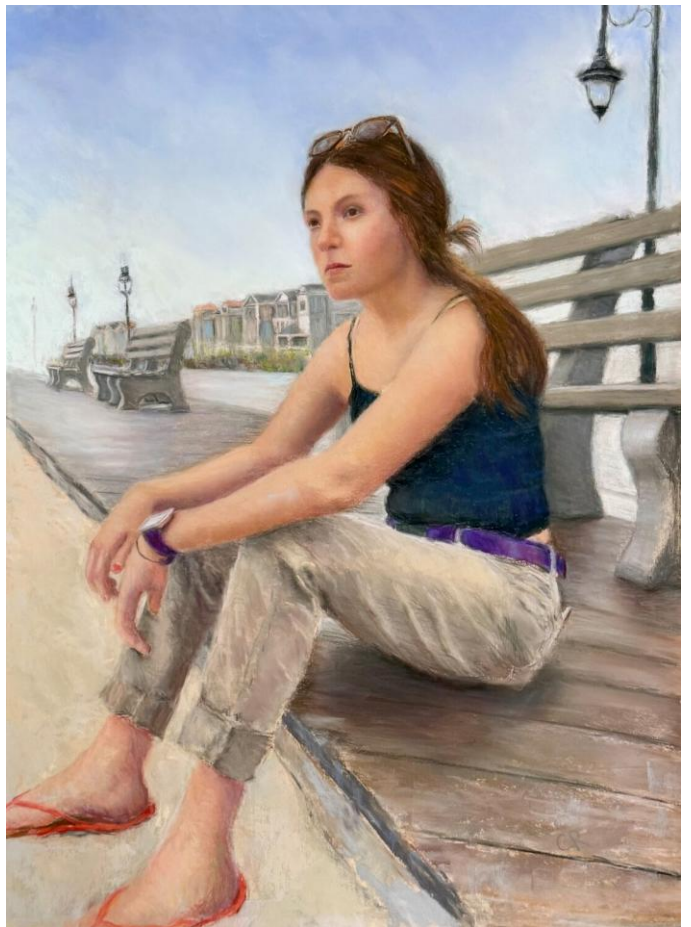
Randy Mayer "Remembering Bob"
Marge Levine Memorial Award

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 publish all the art 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 by talented artists at affordable prices. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about purchasing art online from a Guild Exhibit, whether onsite or offsite. All exhibits are open to the public and admission is free. All donations to support the Guild are voluntary, much appreciated, and vital to our survival. Thank you.

The Guild Gallery is Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00, Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00.



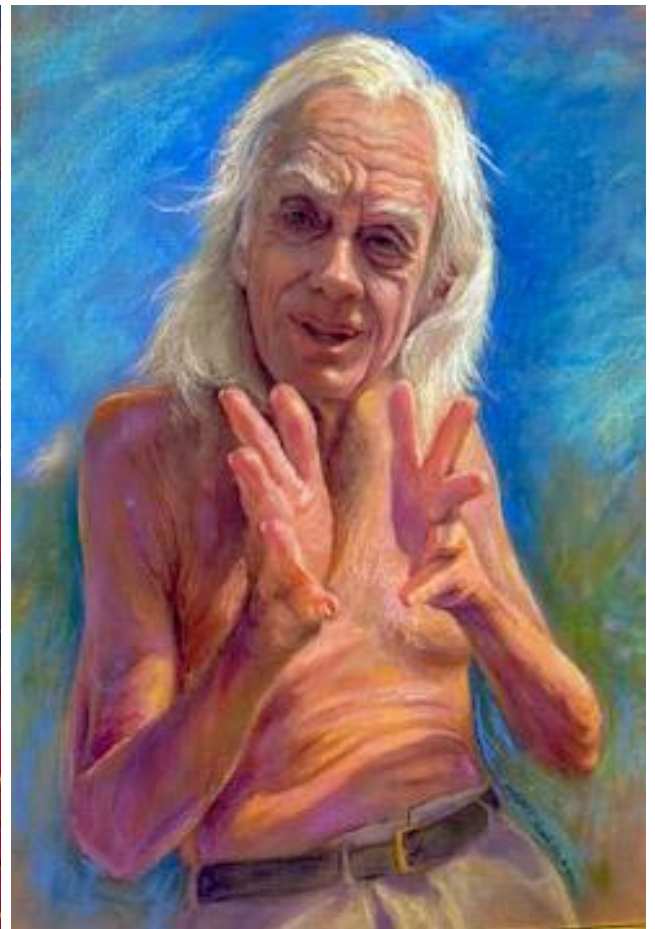
Mary Tawa "Orchid Shadowa"
Jack Richeson Award



Carole Rogers "Unfolding"
Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club Award



Karen L. Weidmann "Zookie"



Judith Kazdym Leeds "Stage of Aging: Acceptance"
Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod Award



Diane Tarantino "Autumn U-Pick Flower Fields" Golden Artist Pan Pastel Award



Dianne M. Gray "Frank and Beans"



Julia Doemland "Tucked Away" Honorable Mention



Wilfred A. Sessoms "Citrus and Peach"



Lisa Melillo "Garage Dog"
Dakota Pastels Award



Lori Weisenfeld "The Cabin"
Connecticut Pastel Society Award



James Michael Kaplun "White Slipper"



Marjorie J. Paradise "I Yam What I Yam"



Margaret Cohen "Bushkill Falls"



Anita Gladstone "Fiddleheads" Honorable Mention



Patricia Otterstedt Davis "Winter's Repose"



Carol Clemens "My Visitors"



Carol Janes "Along the Rancocas" Ampersand Award



Adrian F. Giuliani "Coral Table" Award of Excellence



Lisa DeLuise "Through the Pines"

Blick Art Materials Award for Signature/Distinguished Members



Amy Wax "On the Beach at Sunset"

Diane Townsend Award



Susan Rickman "Something Brewing"

UART Award



Plamen Penev "Whispers in the Wind"

Blick Art Materials Award for Emerging Members



John Falotico "View of the Canal from the Lock Tender's Shed" **PSA Award**



Donna Ruane Rogers "Low Water at the Creek" **Merit Award**



Diane Gallo "Morning Has Broken" **Terry Ludwig Award**



Susan Elizabeth Baldwin "Momentous Capture"



Bonnie Block "Bubbles"



Mozelle Forman "Nunobiki Falls"



Stephanie Cook "Transparency"



Mary Ann Imbriaco "Imani's Glasses"



Alexandra Jurchescu "When the Light Breaks"



Alexandra O'Neill "Summer Day"



Dennis Marshall "Pine Trees"



Angelina Penev "Evoking Endless Inspiration"



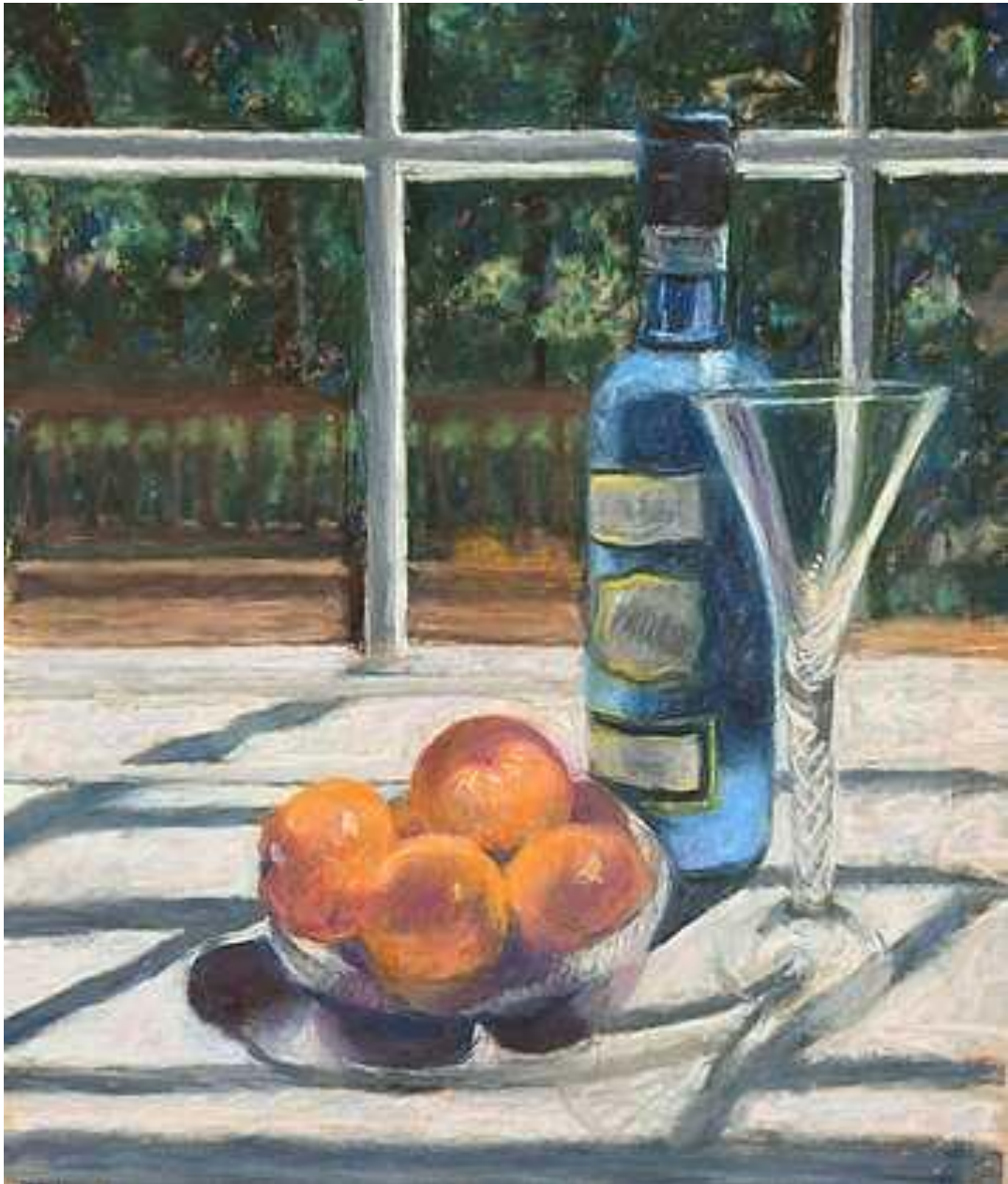
Jody Pfeiffer "The Winter that Wouldn't End"



Janet Wadler "Speedwell Storefront"



Ingrid Shoenfeld "Chez Julien"



Linda Schwartz "Still Life with Wine and Clementines"



Lisa Quatrocchi "Spring Garden"



Marisa Picardo "The Wave"



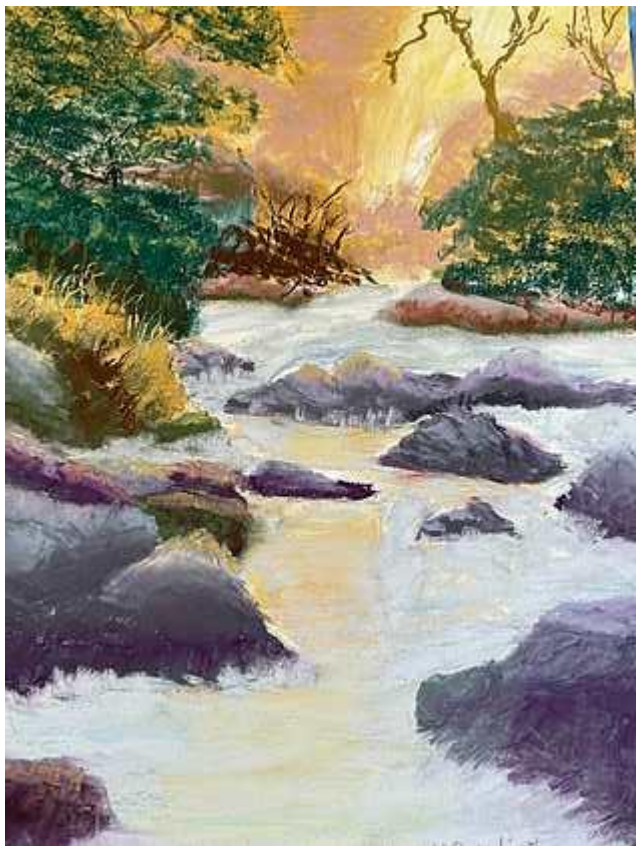
Harvey Rogosin "Looking Through the Windows at the Grand Tetons"



Susan VanVolkenburgh "Chillin"



Rosann Toma "Getting Ready"



Linda L. Saldino "Maine Sunrise"



**at the Guild of Creative Art
through June 24, 2026**

**Artwork by Bob Stetz and students from his Tuesday
afternoon Watercolor Class adorned the walls of our
studio during June.**



Watercolor: Concept to Completion with **Bob Stetz** Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 Contact: rstetz2@verizon.net

The Guild of Creative Art thanks Monmouth Arts for its support



**This program is made possible in part by funds
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the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners.**

We also acknowledge and appreciate the generosity of
Marilyn Baldi, the Goldstein Family, and the H. Hovnanian Foundation,
and the many others who have made personal donations.

The Guild appreciates every contribution.

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Qualified Organization of the**

