

In our Gallery
May 30 – June 24

Pastel Society of New Jersey

Reception: Sunday
May 31, 3:00 – 5:00

In our Studio: Work by Students of Bob Stetz

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
Pastels by the students in
Carole Rogers' Class

Future Guild Exhibit Info

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

Dates and times are subject to change.

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

Register for Art Classes

All Mediums for Teens and Adults

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.

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

Guild Membership Dues for 2026

Have you paid your 2026 dues?

General: \$30

Associate: \$45

Exhibiting: \$80

Renew today !

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



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Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00

Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00

The Guild of Creative Art presents

250 Years:

Past, Present and Future

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

Show Dates: June 27 – July 26

Location: Guild of Creative Art Gallery

Click [HERE](#) for Prospectus

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

NO ENTRY FEE – NO COMMISSION

All work must be 5' x 7"

For more info, contact:

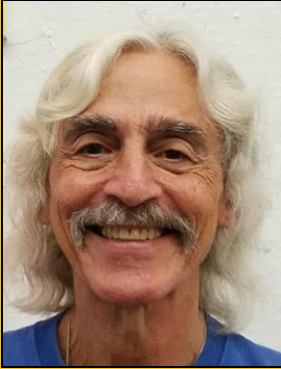
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President's Message

May's *All Members Garden Theme Show* will soon be a memory, but what an impactful memory it will be. The 111 pieces hanging in our gallery are more varied and diverse in style than ever before. From the technically excellent, to the highly original ideas about what constitutes an appropriate image, to the emotional responses elicited by the art, this was a show to remember. Themed shows can be restrictive and all too homogenous; not so, with this year's Garden Theme Show. Bravo members!

Next up: The Pastel Society of New Jersey will be exhibiting at the Guild from Saturday, May 30th through Wednesday, June 24th, with an opening reception on Sunday, May 31st, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. A judge chosen by the Pastel Society will be giving out awards. All are welcome to attend the reception. You will not be disappointed. There is an abundance of talent here to savor. As always, the reception is open to the public and admission is free.

Save the date! On Saturday, June 20th from 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Guild Exhibiting Member, Sherri Ehrlich and her husband Charlie Clarke, will perform a benefit concert titled *America Through Song* in our gallery. Sherri is a multi-talented, dynamic vocalist and Charlie is an acclaimed pianist/vocalist. Together, they will take the audience on an artistic journey through America's musical landscape. With a suggested donation of \$25, we believe that we can celebrate our country with two first class performers while raising much needed funds for the Guild. All proceeds will go to the Guild to support our programs. Please RSVP by emailing us guildofcreativeart@verizon.net or calling 732-741-1441 to reserve a seat. Food and beverages will be available.

At the Semi-Annual Portfolio Review this past May, eight artists advanced to be Exhibiting Members, the Guild's elite level of membership. Among the advantages of this achievement is an increase in their exhibiting opportunities. As our membership base keeps growing, this new, vital, artistic blood continues to keep our exhibits fresh and inspired. The next Portfolio Review is in November. If you are interested in raising your membership level to associate or exhibiting, get ready. Click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page for details on the Guild's portfolio review.

Erin Fleming, our documentarian, will be wrapping up filming activities at the Guild by the end of spring. Summer will be devoted to the challenging task of editing all of the footage. She has been filming since last August, attempting to capture the special quality we have as a nonprofit arts organization. The Guild is a place which showcases artwork by talented, local artists, and reaches out to the community with docent tours and exhibits, all free and open to the public. The Guild offers education by immensely talented instructors in a wide variety of mediums, for students with a wide variety of experience, from beginners to advanced ability level. Erin's earlier documentary, *Drift*, appeared on PBS. Maybe the Guild's documentary will have a similar fate. We can hope. The possibilities are exciting.

Thanks to all who volunteered to help with these programs. The Guild runs on "Member Power". We could not exist without the help of our volunteers.

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

GUILD OF CREATIVE ART

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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 and admission free, art classes in a variety of mediums, docent tours, gallery and studio rentals; plus we are a premier source of original art at affordable prices.

The Guild's

College Scholarship Funding Invest in the Future - You Can Participate!

As a member of the Guild, 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 to help fund this scholarship.

You may donate in your own name or make a tribute or memorial gift to honor someone special. All donors will be recognized at that year's Guild reception honoring the scholarship recipient. Together, we can invest in the future of the arts in our community. Please be sure to indicate "scholarship" in the comments, as well as the name of the person (if any) designated for a tribute or memorial

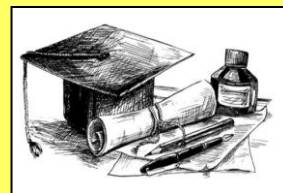
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call the Guild at 732-741-1441 between 11:30 pm - 3:30 pm



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Welcome New Members

Patricia and Gabrielle Farley

Kathy Hjelle

Joan McCusker

Ellen Price

Jennifer Schorr

Linda Willner

== America Through Song ==

Saturday, June 20th from 2:00 – 3:30

at the Guild of Creative Art

A concert featuring the dynamic talents of vocalist

Sherri Ehrlich

and acclaimed pianist

Charlie Clarke

An Artistic Journey through America's Musical Landscape

Light Fare - Food - Beverages

Proceeds to benefit the Guild of Creative Art

Admission: \$25 Donation

to the Guild of Creative Art

RSVP: 732.741.1441 or email guildofcreativeart@verizon.net



Member News

Congratulations to the following artists who successfully achieved a higher level of membership at the Guild's May Portfolio Review.

Amy McGowen: Exhibiting Member (Painting)

James Kaplun: Exhibiting (Painting)

Mary Jane Puleio: Exhibiting (Painting)

Lesley Husband: Exhibiting (Photography)

Lorraine La Grua: Exhibiting (Painting)

Dayle Lehr: Exhibiting (Painting)

Yevgeniya Boyko: Exhibiting (Painting)

Paul Donohoe: Exhibiting (Photography)

The next Portfolio Review will be in November 2026.



Tripping...
by Vicky Culver



Resilience
by MaryAnn Smorra

Vicky Culver's photo collage *Tripping Around the World* received an Honorable Mention in the Freehold Art Society's Spring Exhibit at the Freehold Public Library. She is organizing the Wainright House Museum's Sixth Annual Photography Show. The museum is located at 48 Main Street, in Farmingdale, and runs from Saturday June 6 to Sunday the 28th. There will be a closing reception with refreshments from 1:00 to 4:00 on June 28th.

MaryAnn Smorra's *Resilience* shows the women's dorm at the Birkenau extermination camp. Each bunk was overloaded with many women with the bottom bunk mired in ice and mud. How did these women survive? Perhaps their innate courage and reciprocal compassion reflected their remarkable resilience. The exhibition is titled: "Human Thread: The Art of Compassion and Courage" at Brookdale Community College Wellness Center, in association with Monmouth Arts June 2 - August 10, 2026. Opening reception: Thursday, June 4th from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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.Your town of residence**

Example: Doe.John.My Painting.Watercolor.Shrewsbury

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

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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

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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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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



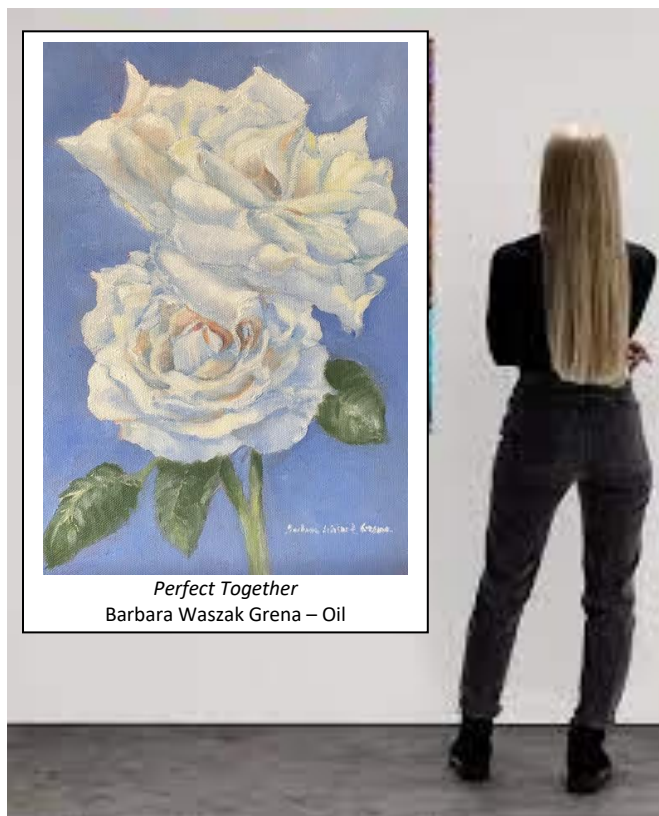
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Design!*

**Variety of Sizes
and Colors**

You have enjoyed his exhibits for years. Now you can wear his artwork!

\$25 each

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. This is a great opportunity to purchase original art at affordable prices. 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 1:00 – 3:00 in Sept	crogers222@gmail.com
(Carole Rogers' class meets from 1:00 – 3:00 in September, 10:00 – 12:00 the rest of year)			
Landscapes in Oils	Pratima Rao	Fridays 10:00 – 12:00 in Sept.	pratimarao05@yahoo.com
(Pratima Rao's class meets from 10:00 – 12:00 on September 4, 11, 18, & 25 only)			

To register online for a class, click [HERE](#). For more info about each class, email the instructor.

Pratima Rao

returns to the Guild of Creative Art this September with another four-week Landscape Oil Painting class. You will be 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.

Tuition for the four-class session is \$145 for Guild members, \$175 for non-members

Tuition includes classes on Friday, September 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 10:00 until noon

Click [HERE](#) to sign up online. For info, email Pratima at pratimarao05@yahoo.com



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



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

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

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

This workshop is headed by **Susan Rickman**

Contact Susan Rickman by email at josunset59@verizon.net

Coming to the Guild this Summer

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

Guild of Creative Art
620 Broad St, Shrewsbury

Sign up at
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or 732.741-1441



Images from the May 2026 All Guild Members' Garden Theme Show



Heart of the Tropics by Nalini Goel – Paper Quilling

The photographic images of artwork appearing in the Guild's Bulletin represent a sampling of the original work displayed in our exhibits. These images may appear slightly different from the original. 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 by talented artists at affordable prices. To Purchase art online from a Guild Exhibit, onsite or offsite, please click [HERE](#). All exhibits are open to the public and admission free. All donations to support the Guild are voluntary, needed, and much appreciated.

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Garden Tools Shadow & Light by MaryAnn Goodwin – Watercolor



Summer Clove Lakes by Lorraine La Grua - Oil



Inherited Threads by Keith Alan Spaar – Mixed Media



Sunkissed Porch and Garden Whispers by Michele Rath – Watercolor



Above: *Backyard Garden* by *Lee Sliwa* – *Watercolor* Below: *Evening* by *Yelena Akhumova* – *Oil*





Above: *Flores Blancas en Azul* by Patricia Arroyo – Acrylic

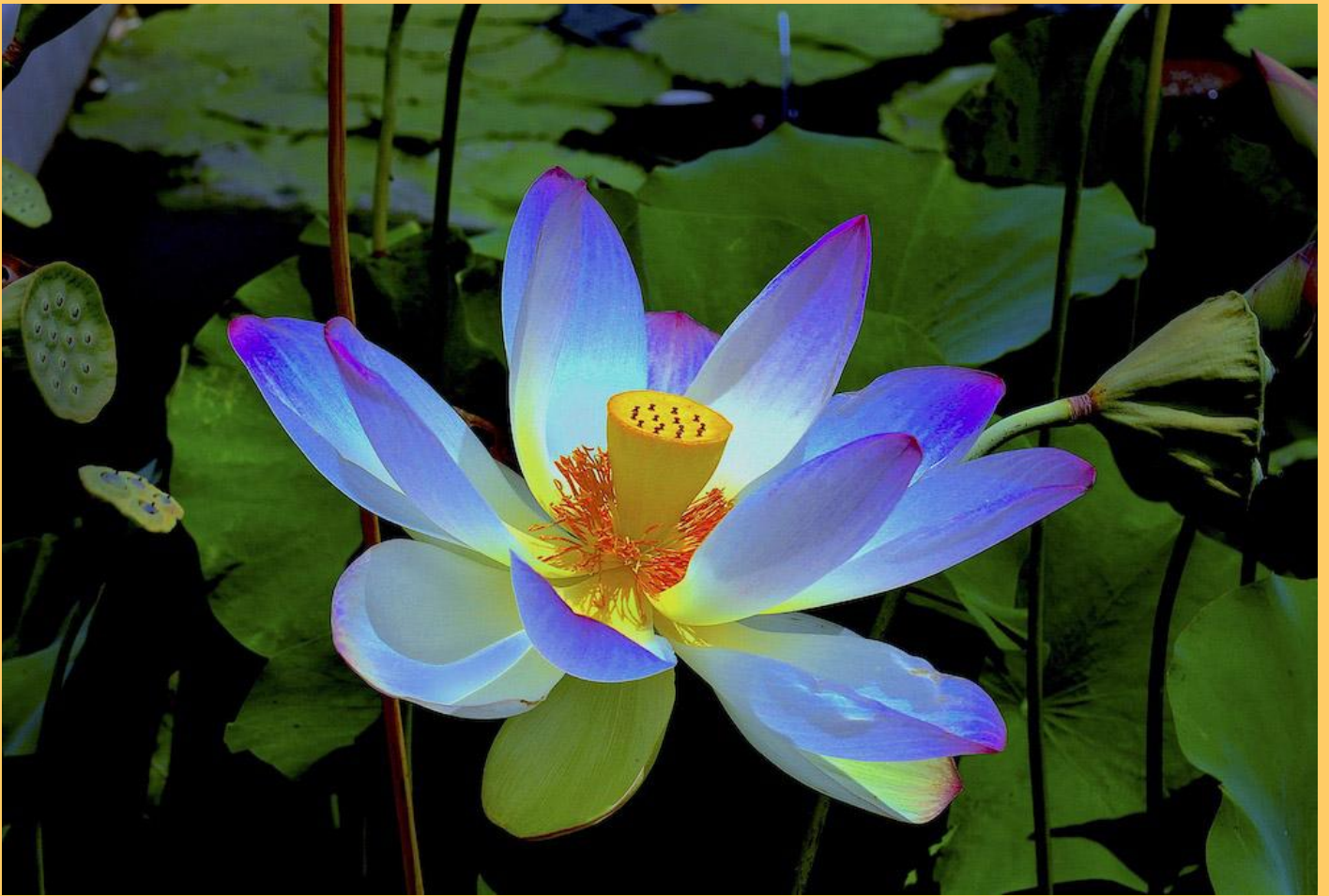
Below: *Two Clamatis* by Jim Powers – Photography





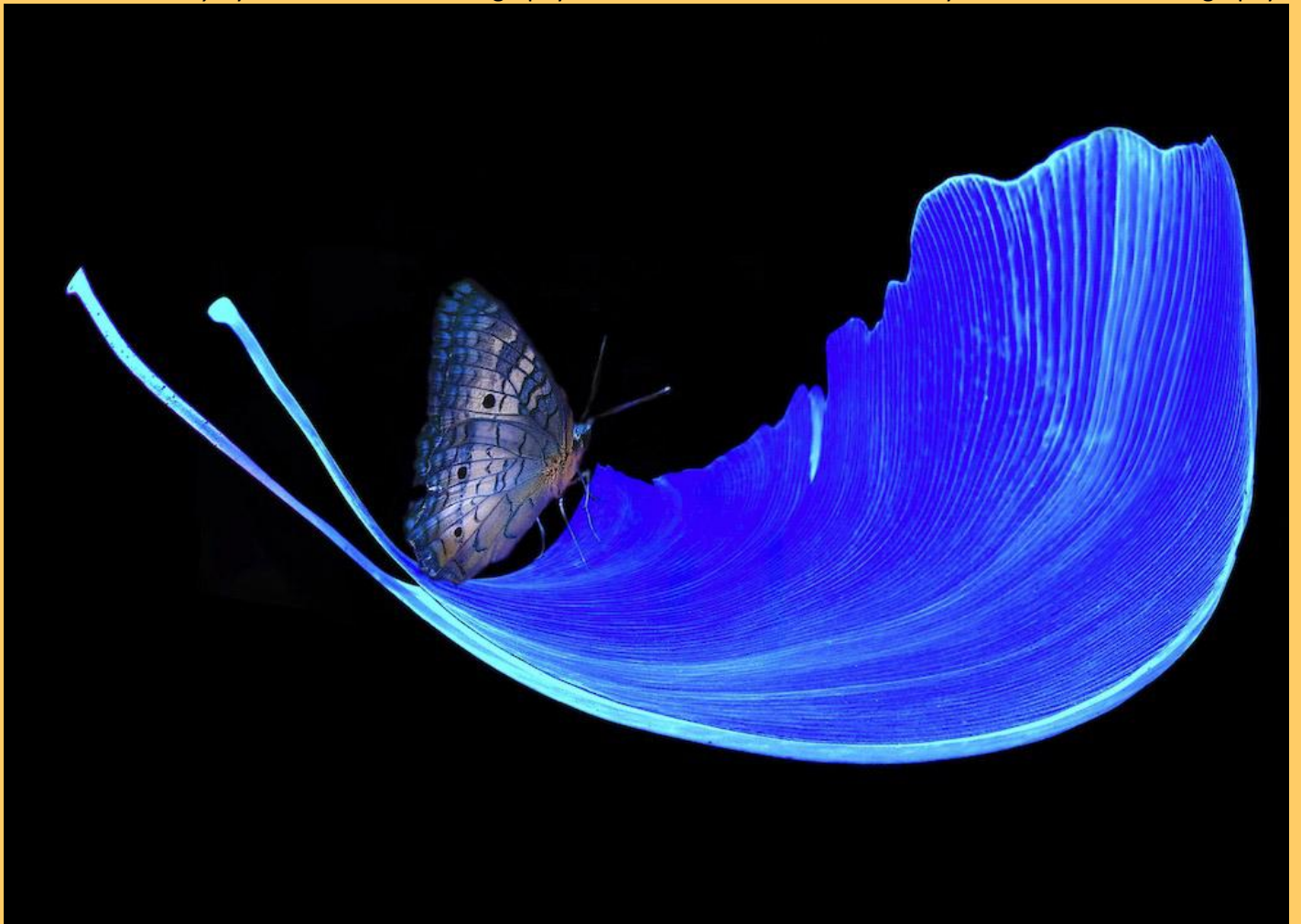
Above: *Ole English Garden* by Bonnie Ambrosia – Acrylic Below: *Hey You* by Thomas J. Camal - Photography





Above: *Water Lilly* by Ben DeMarco – Photography

Below: *Blue Fusion* by Ben DeMarco – Photography

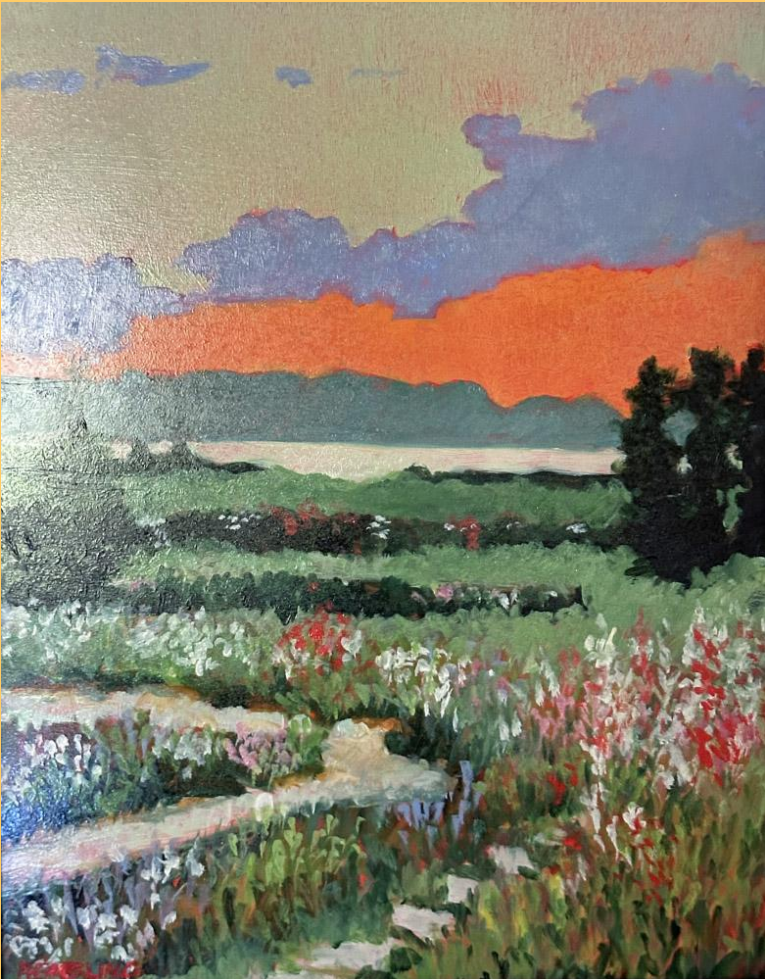




In the Pink! by Ernest Antholis – Acrylic



Stargazer Lily by Elizabeth Hinden – Acrylic



Vista - Leigh's Garden by Guy Hembling – Oil



In Bloom by Anita Gutkin – Mixed Media



Dutch Still Life by Sven Widen – Acrylic on Canvas



Perils in the Night by Anita Gutkin – Mixed Media



Opening by Jim Kaplun – Pastel



Garden 2 by Sandy Binger – Gouache



Violet Splendor by Barbara John Calvo – Watercolor



Quiet Girl by Debora Bruno – Photography



Rose Parterre by Bob Novak – Photography



Rustic Tranquility by Michele Rath – Watercolor



Ed's Iris by Madalyne Ryterband – Oil



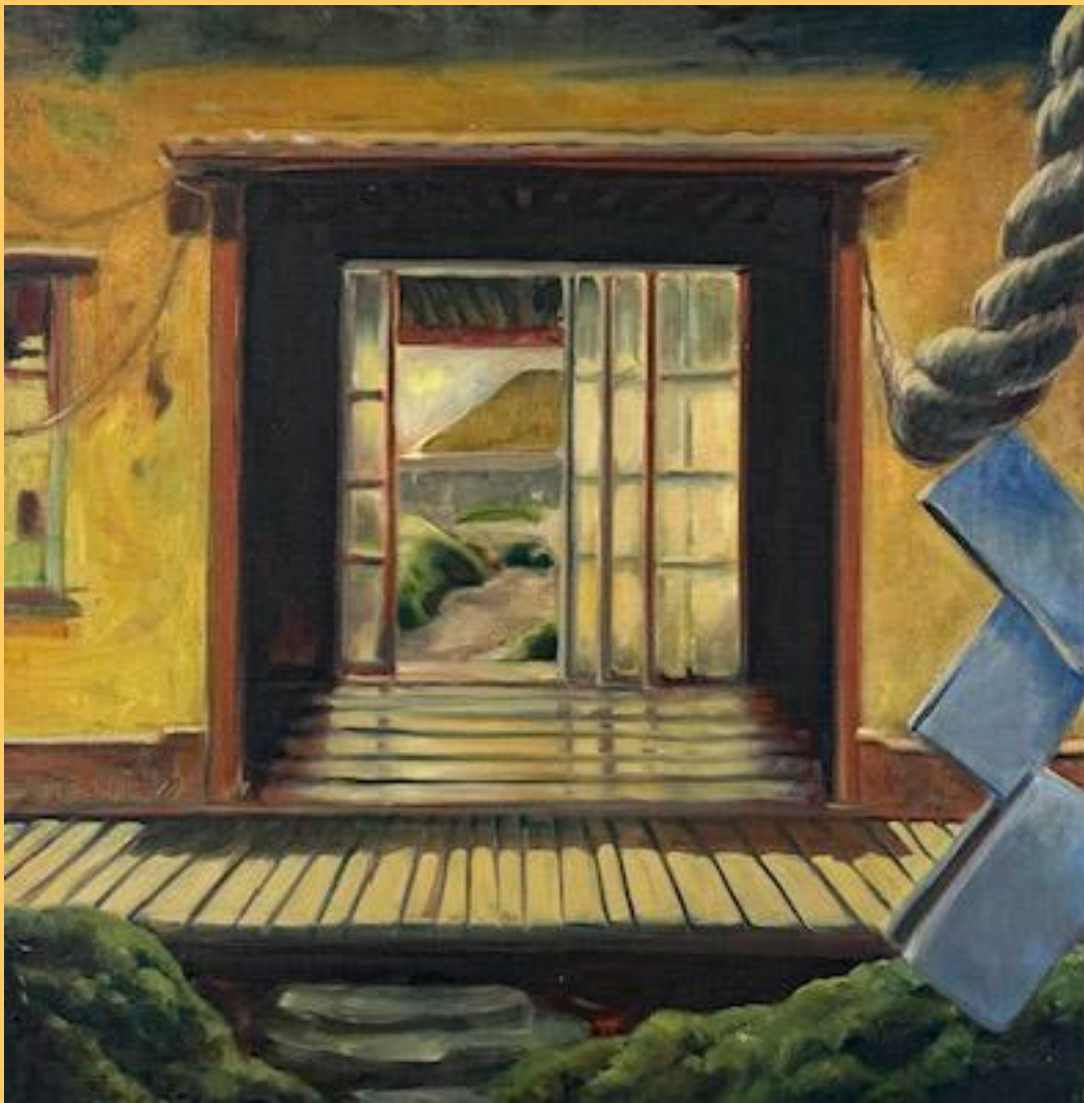
Fall Clove Lakes by Lorraine LaGrua – Oil



Garden of Insight by Jeffrey W. Robinson – Acrylic



Perfect Together by Barbara Waszak Grena – Oil



Above: *Entrance, Courtyard Garden* by Lizzi Schippert – Oil on Canvas Below: *Lilly's Garden* by Anne Goldberg – Acrylic





Tulip Offering by Laurie Flannery – Oil



Tulip Layered by Paul Donohoe – Photography



River Falls by Janet Furlong – Watercolor



Cala Lily by Elizabeth Hinden – Acrylic



Above: *Allaire* by Diane Greenblatt – Acrylic

Below: *Reflections* by John Hanson – Oil

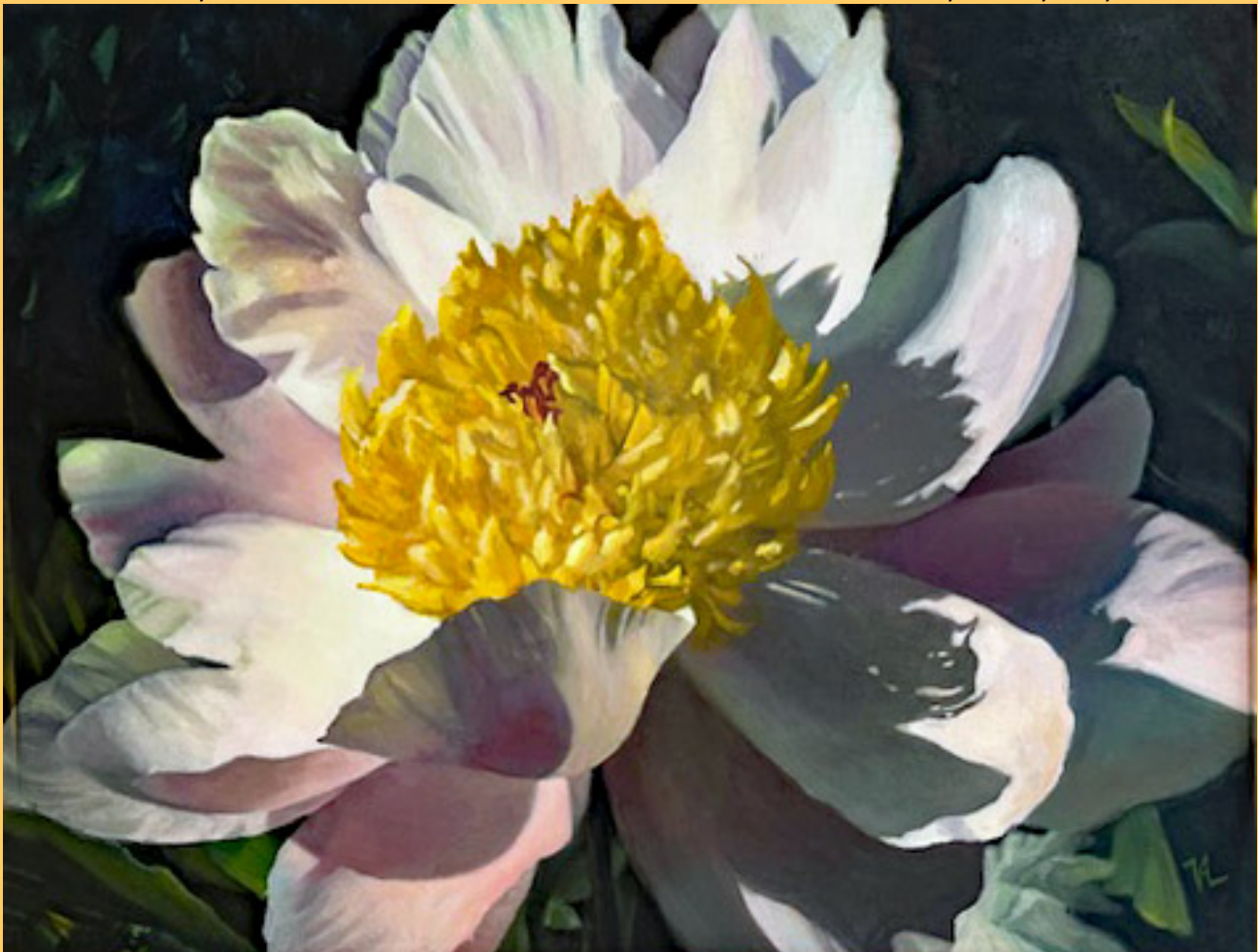




Blossom Dearie by Sheri Ehrlich – Mixed Media



Ed's Dahlia by Medalyne Ryterband – Oil



Opalescence by Valerie Morone – Oil



Blooms by Randy Mayer – Watercolor



Waiting! by Randy Mayer – Watercolor



Conical Seashell by Bill Saloukas – Sculpture



Mom's Garden by Bonnie Ambrosia – Acrylic



Sunflowers & Copper by Carole Rogers – Pastel



Day Lily by Jim Powers – Photography



Unexpected Companions by Mary Polese – Acrylic

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