

In Our Gallery August 1 to August 26

Guild Exhibiting Artists' Show

All Mediums

Reception: Sunday August 2 from 3:00 – 5:00

This is your chance to see artwork by the Guild's Elite Artists



In Our Gallery August 29 to September 28

Elements of Being"

Artwork by

*Debbie Kurtz, Randy Mayer,
and Lori Weisenfeld*

Reception: Sunday, August 30 from 3:00 – 5:00

In Our Studio Gallery: Artwork from
James Kent's Lyrical Abstract Expressionism Class

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Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00

Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00

Autumn Portfolio Review

Advance to the Associate or Exhibiting Membership level by having your artwork critiqued by a group of the Guild's elite artists.

For more info about the November Portfolio Review click [HERE](#), then scroll to the bottom of the page

Portfolio review occurs in May and November only

Are You Up to Date with Your Guild Membership 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

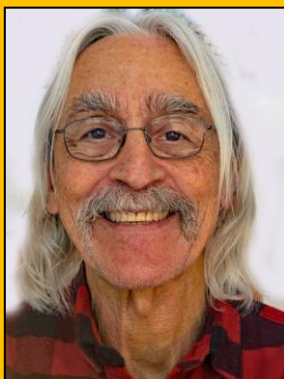
Show Dates, eligibility, reception dates and times, Receiving dates (Noon to 7:00), After show art pick up dates & times

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

Dates and times are subject to change.

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President's Message

The *Summer Show of Painters* is coming to an end, and this exhibit was delightfully different. Yes, it was restricted to painters only, and yes it showed a diversity of styles, and themes, crafted with excellent technique and great imagination. But, what was so delightfully different was its amount of entries. 55 works in the gallery that normally displays 100 or so pieces gave each work breathing room not possible with more populated exhibits. Add to this the lobby show by Guild Associate and Exhibiting members, and the mobile wall show in the gallery devoted to *America's 250th: Past, Present, and Future*, and you have quite a fantastic trifecta.

Kudos to Board member MaryAnn Goodwin for initiating the *America's 250th* idea, and to Board members Barbara Russo and Barbara Withers for their support for this display. But there's more! The pastel paintings by Carole Rogers, and students in her Friday morning pastel class, decorate our studio as well. There was so much art to savor and show goers delighted in every morsel.

The reception for these concurrent exhibits featured music from the Music and Art Academy of Holmdel. The reception also featured the presentation of this year's Guild of Creative Art/James T. Gary Foundation Scholarship. This year's winner, Kirin Zaidan, from Wall High School, will be entering the Rhode Island School of Design this fall. Every year, the Guild offers this scholarship to Monmouth and Ocean County high school seniors entering college next fall with art as a major, and every year the competition is fierce. This year, all twenty applicants were stellar students, with impressive artist statements and glowing teacher recommendations. Ultimately, the determining factor is the portfolio of images students send us, and Kirin rose to the top. Although he could not attend the reception, his parents accepted his award from Scholarship Chair and Board Treasurer, Sheila Menendez. Sheila works tirelessly, encouraging scores of school districts to inform their art students of the opportunity to apply for this scholarship, and each year the applicants are impressive. We wish Kirin well in his future endeavors.

Up next is our *Exhibiting Members' All Media No-Theme Show*. This exhibit will run from August 1st to August 26th, with a reception on Sunday, August 2nd from 3:00 until 5:00 PM. This is the one exhibit of the year devoted solely to those who achieved the Guild's elite Exhibiting Member status. We always encourage our members to take advantage of the Semi-Annual Portfolio Review as one's exhibiting privileges are magnified. The next review is set for November. We will keep you posted. Click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page to learn more about our portfolio review and the pathway to Exhibiting membership. Artwork by the students of Leslie Backlund's Saturday morning class will be on display in our studio throughout August as well.

Three Guild Exhibiting members will show their artwork in the Guild's gallery this September. Guild watercolor instructor, Randy Mayer will team up with Lori Weisenfeld and Debra Kurtz for a show titled *Elements of Being*. Be ready for a magnificent exhibit from these three talented artists. The exhibit will run from August 29th until September 30th, with an opening reception on Sunday, August 30th, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. An exhibit by students in Jim Kent's Lyrical Abstract Expressionism class will hang in our studio gallery during this time as well.

One final note: Our 34th *Annual Open Juried Show* is set for October 3rd through October 29th. This show is open to Guild members and non-members in painting, sculpture, and photography. The submission period will be through August, ending precisely at midnight on August 28th. Be a part of the biggest show of the year, with \$1500+ in money awards and ten medals of achievement. We are pleased to announce James Yarosh as painting and sculpture judge, and Jim LaSala as our photography judge. As always, this will be a blockbuster exhibit with roughly a 30% acceptance rate. Artists will be notified whether or not their artwork is conditionally accepted on September 3rd. Delivery of conditionally accepted artwork is on Wednesday, September 30th, from noon to 7:00 PM. The reception will be on Sunday, October 4th from 3:00 until 5:00 PM.

Thank you to our supporters and volunteers. You truly are the force that drives the 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, 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.

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 mail a check for your donation to:
Scholarship/Guild of Creative Art, 620 Broad Street, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



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



2026 Guild Scholarship Winner Kirin Zaidan



*The Guild of Creative Art
&
James T. Gary
Scholarship for 2026-2027*

Presented to

Kirin Zaidan

*Wall High School
Wall, New Jersey
June 2026*

Self Portraits by Kirin Zaidan



In Memorium

Award-winning artist and writer **Sheilagh Casey** died May 28, 2026, at her home in Rumson, New Jersey. She was 72. Sheilagh was an Exhibiting Member of the Guild of Creative Art for many years. Throughout her career, she was a friend and mentor to many in the creative community who valued her commitment to artistic excellence. The Guild extends condolences to her family and friends

Member News

Vicky Culver curated and Bob Stetz judged the Wainright House Museum's Sixth Annual Photography Show in Farmingdale, assisted by **Duncan Culver, Bob Novak** and **Jane Rappleyea**.

The Winners are: First Place - **Bob Novak** "*Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse*"

Second Place - **Bob Dowd** "*Autumn Whispers*"

Third place - **Jim Powers** "*L'Avenue de l'Opera*"

Merit Awards went to:

Richard Rappleyea "*Jersey Shore Off Season*"

Ken Bordfeld -*The Medici Fountain, Paris*"

Marilyn Baldi - "*Surf Mercado*"

Johanna Ericson "*The Blacksmith*"

Mare Akana is curating *Prime Cuts*, a show about meat, that runs from August 8 to September 6 at West End Arts Gallery.

Debra Bruno presents *Glimpse of the Season*, her photography exhibit, through September at the Middletown Public Library. A reception will be held on September 12th from 1:00 to 4:00.

Marino Cirillo's photograph, *Violet Beauties* was selected as the First Place winner in the "Botanicals" Colors of Humanity Art Gallery in the August 2026 online exhibit. Entries came from nine different states as well as two other countries, Portugal and Singapore.

Liz Jacobelli's watercolor painting "*The Allen House Massacre*" was awarded Third Place in the amateur division of the Monmouth County 250th Anniversary Artist contest.

Tova Navarra is curating the Monmouth Art's Open Juried Show titled *Feast* at the Oyster Point Hotel from September 4 to November 2.

Mary Jane Puleio had her work, *Barren Fields*, accepted into the juried Mercer County Artists' exhibit through July 31 at the gallery located at the West Windsor Campus Gallery in Mercer County.

John Regan's photograph "*Susurrus*" was accepted into the July juried show at the Medford Arts Center.

Joseph Reilly has a solo exhibit at the Freehold Boro Carnegie Library through the end of August. Meet the Artist, July 29, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Harvey Rogosin's *Looking Through the Windows at the Grand Tetons* is showcased the Pastel Society of America's online publication.



Marilyn Baldi



Johanna Ericson



Richard Rappleyea



Ken Bordfeld

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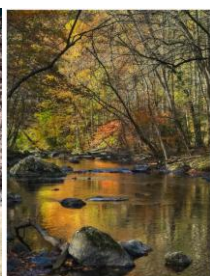
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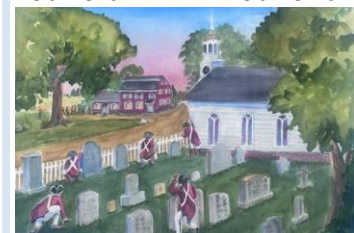
Bob Novak



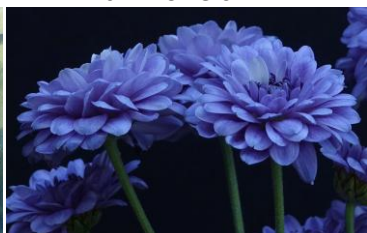
Bob Dowd



Jim Powers



Liz Jacobelli



Marino Cirillo



Mary Jane Puleio

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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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Exhibition Schedule Postcard:
David Levy, Steve Ravner, Barbara Withers

Exhibiting Members August Gallery and Lobby Shows: David Levy, Tina Behr, Marino Cirillo, Barbara Calvo, Duncan Culver, Karen Donnelly, Paul Donohoe, MaryAnn Goodwin, Anita Gutkin, Liz Jacobelli, Natalie Kadash, Evelyn Kunycky, Lorraine LaGrua, Laura Mandile, Joan Manley, MaryAnn McKay, Bob Novak, Michele Rath, Barbara Russo, Mary Ann Smorra, Jill White, Barbara Withers, Joel Zimmerman

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Figure Workshop: Susan Rickman

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**Welcome New
Members**

**Julia Ahlfeld
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Allie Gaudio
Karen Hernandez
Lucy Hester
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Kirin Zaidan**

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

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Member News Info

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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 in Member News 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.

Art Education and Growth Opportunities

Art Instruction in the Guild Studio

Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

Class	Instructor	Day & Time	Contact Instructor
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	randymayer@me.com
Beginner Pastels	Carole Rogers	Fridays 10:00 – 12:00	crogers222@gmail.com

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

For details about each class, email the instructor.

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

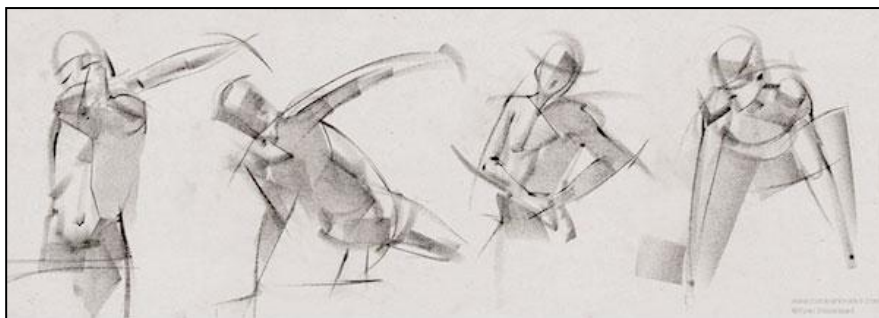
Casual atmosphere

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 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 Online



The Guild Photography Group

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month via Zoom

7:00 – 9:00 pm

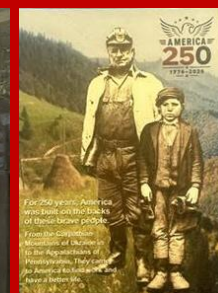
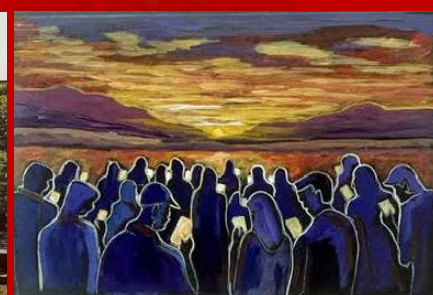
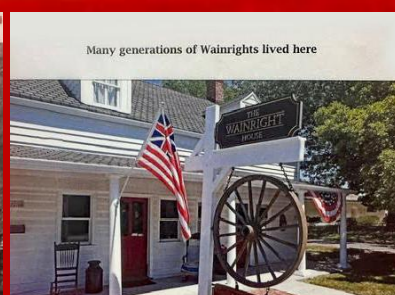
Free to Guild member photographers

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A Sampling of the Photographs from the “250 Years: Past, Present, Future” Show



Left to Right from top row: Barbara Russo – *Do the Job Men Left Behind*, MaryAnn Goodwin – *We Can Do IT*, Vicky Culver – *The Wainright House*
Patricia Arroyo – *Missing the Moment (The Present Time)* , Middle Row: Jim Powers – *The Leader*, Ben DeMarco – *Ellis Island*, Barbara Withers –
Monmouth Battlefield Reenactment, Mary Ann McKay – *Journey from Ukraine*, Bottom Row: David Levy – *Brooklyn Bridge*, Marino Cirillo – *Bob Hope Christmas Show*, Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam, 1967, Liz Jacobelli – *Four Freedoms*

Images of Artwork from Carole Rogers' Painting with Pastels Class in our Studio



Join Carole's Class!

Painting with Pastels for All Levels with Carole Rogers

Fridays 10:00 to Noon crogers222@gmail.com

Images from the Guild's Summer Show of Painters



Market Day by Bob Stetz – Watercolor

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 at the Guild 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.

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Motion in Blue Mary McKay – Oil on Canvas

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

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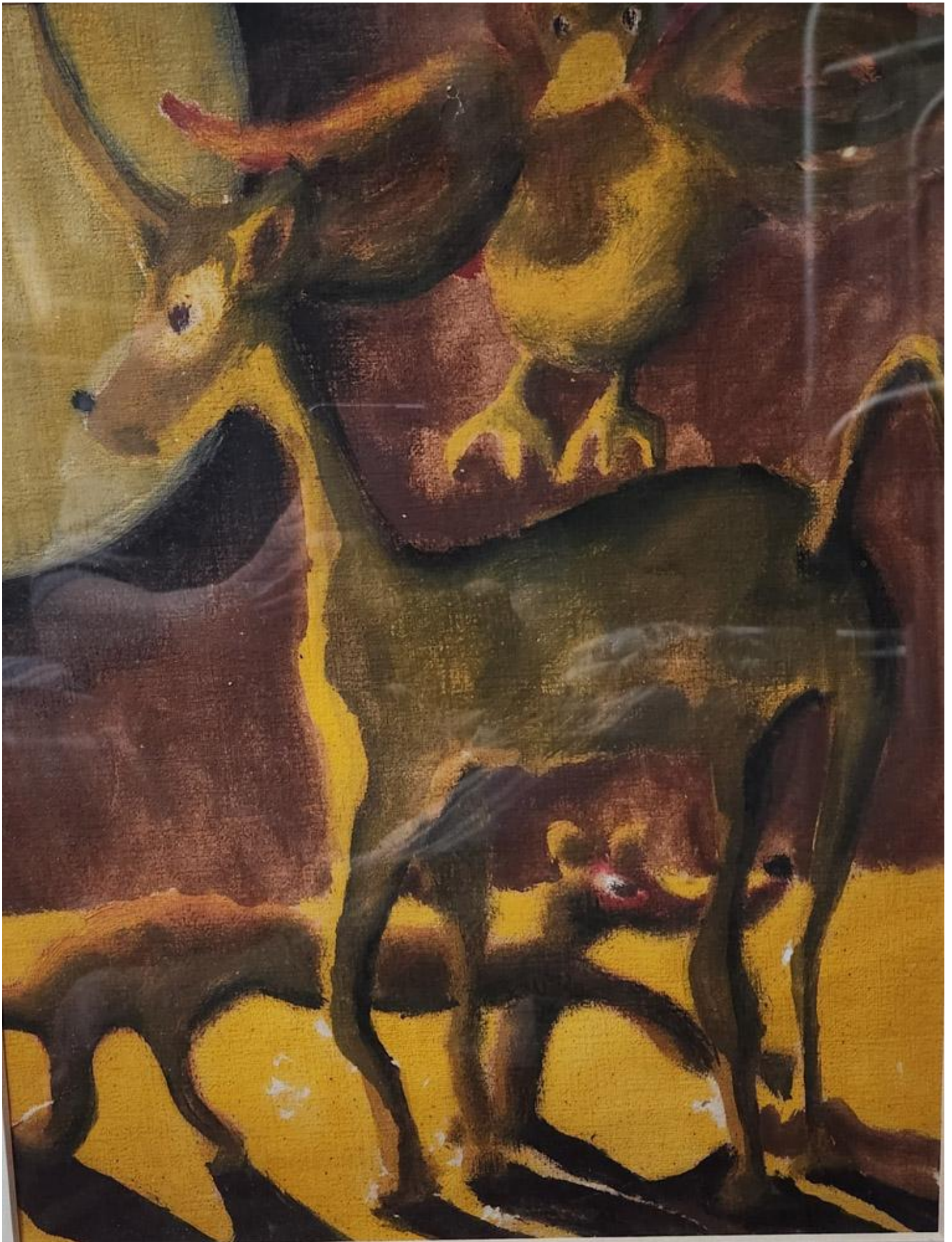
Buoy and Rope by Michele Rath – Watercolor



Lifeguard Gear by Michele Rath – Watercolor



Wonderment by Mary McKay – Oil on Canvas



Nocturne by Tova Navarra – Pastel



Sunset by Mary Ann Smorra – Ink and Watercolor



Above: *Brush Fire* by Scott Paden – Watercolor and Brushed Ink

Below: *Birth of Rock 'n Roll* by Sonny Kenn – Oil

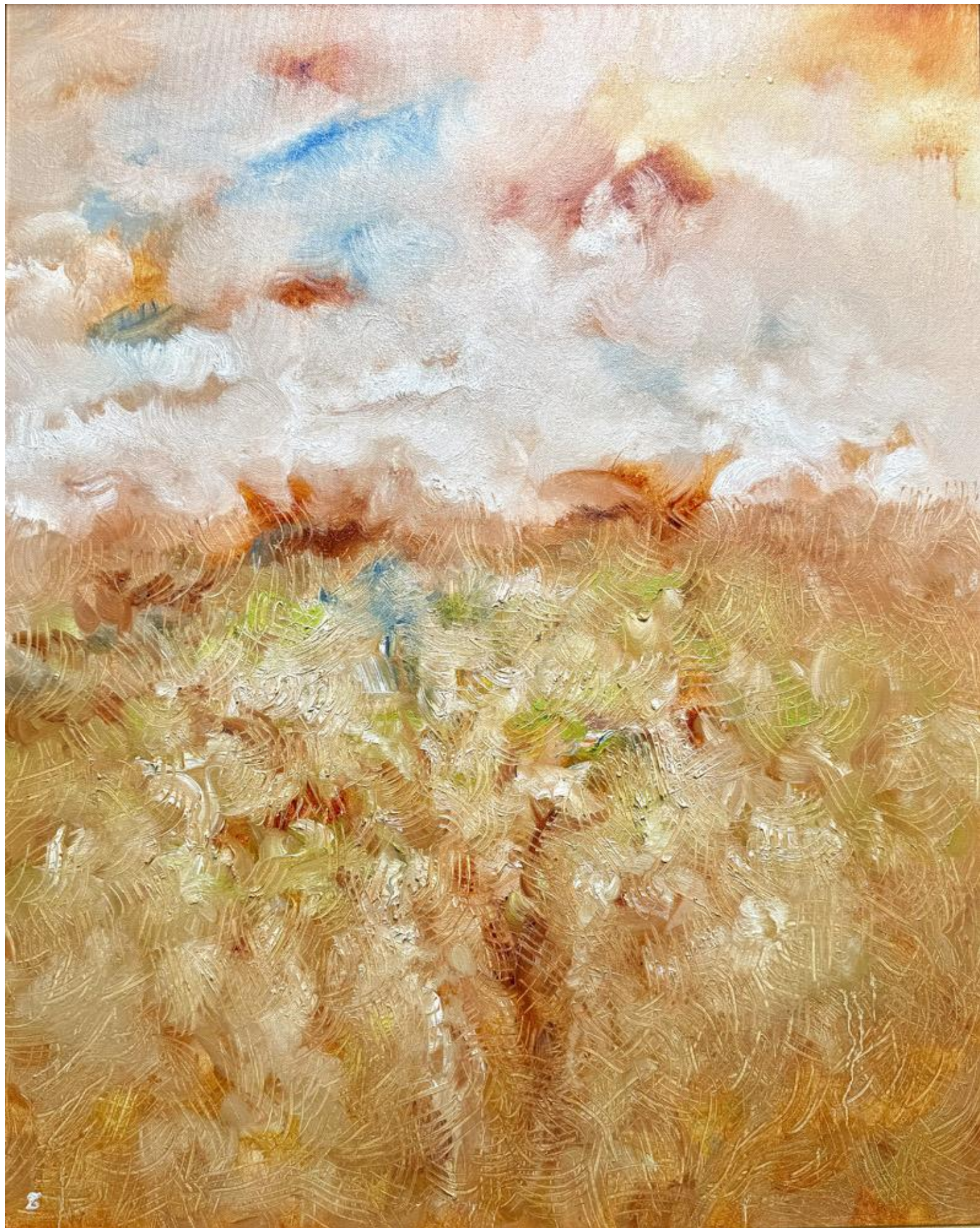




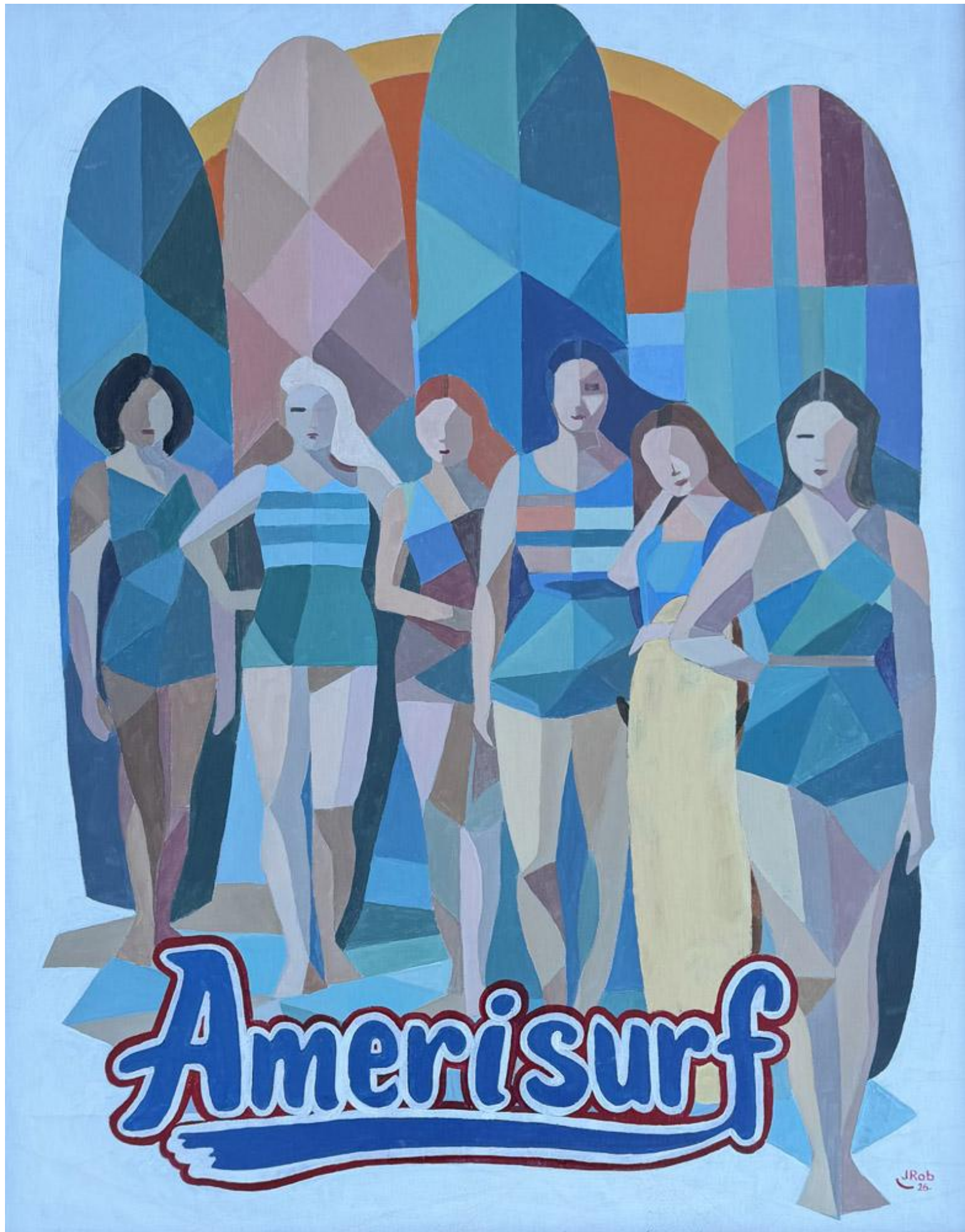
Above: *Ups and Downs* by Daniel Pompeo – Acrylic

Below: *Mixed Emotions* by Daniel Pompeo – Acrylic

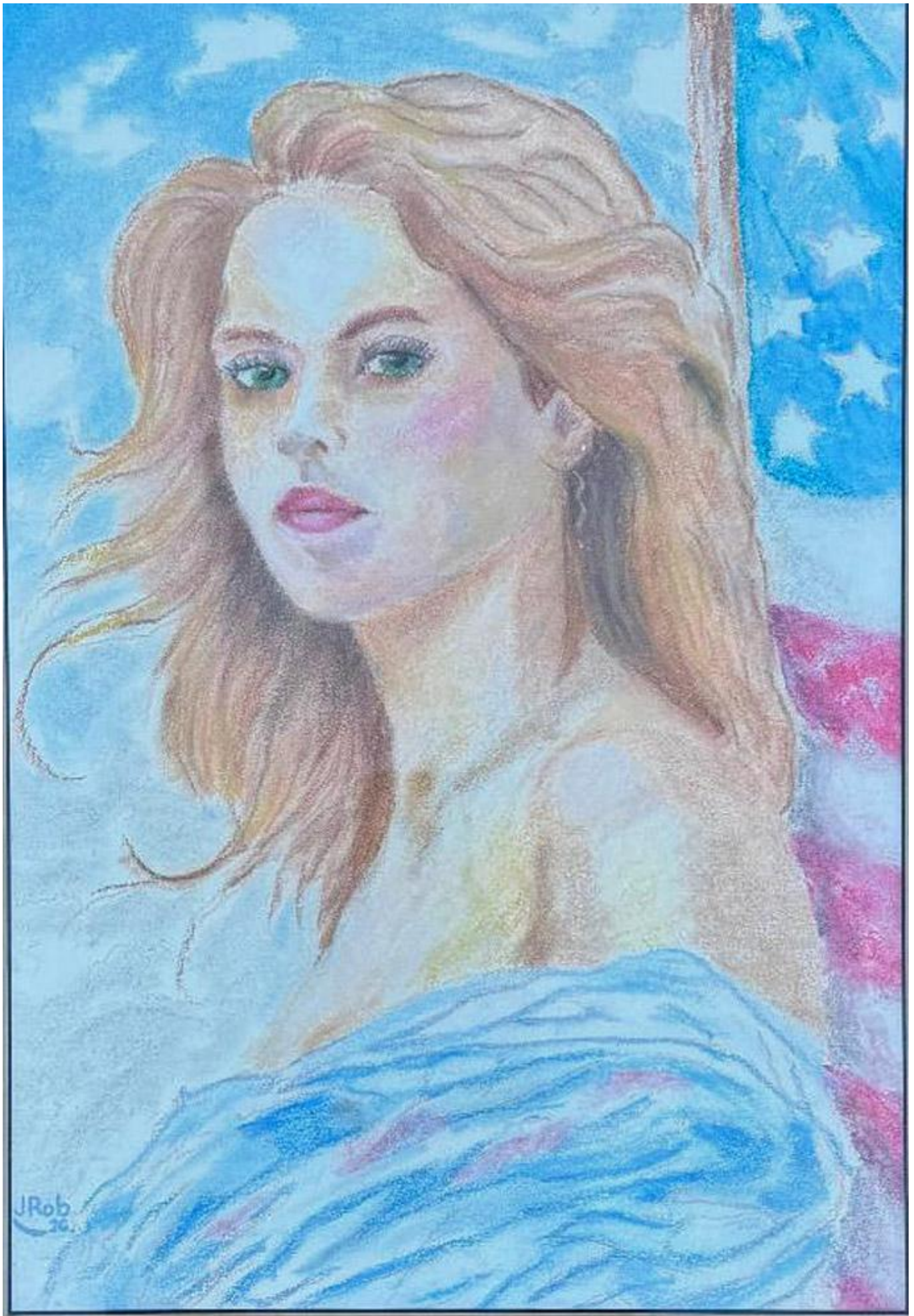




When Trees Could Dance by Joel Zimmerman – Oil



Amerisurf by Jeffrey W Robinson – Acrylic



She is Beautiful by Jeffrey W. Robinson – Pastel



Wineing Rose by Sonny Kenn – Oil



Above: *Over the Dunes* by Hillary Binder-Klein – Acrylic

Below *Path Into Summer* by Hillary Binder-Klein – Acrylic





Above: *Patriotic Pumps* by MaryAnn Goodwin – Watercolor Collage Below: *Anguish* by Bill Ross – Pen & Ink





Above: *A Place to Unwind* by Ilene Smith – Oil

Below: *Brooklyn Bridge* by Lorraine LaGrue – Oil





Above: *Circus* by Yolanda Fleming – Casein

Below: *Falls at Ellis River* by Arthur Andersen – Oil





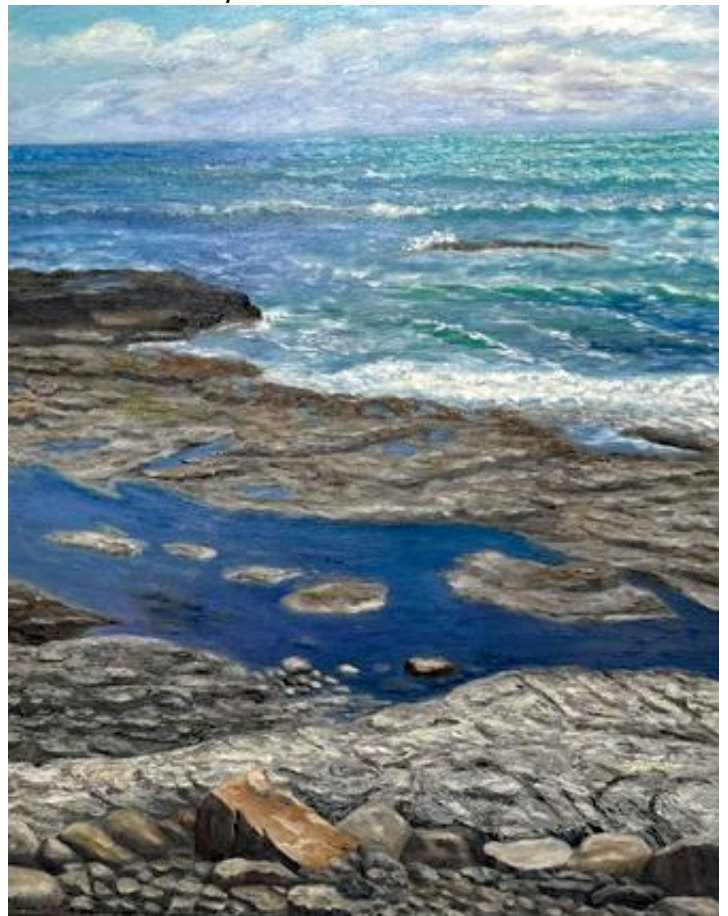
Morning Alarm Clock by Mary O'Malley-Joyce – Oil



Plant Girl by Sherri Ehrlich – Mixed Media



Composition with Blue by Miklos L. Kiss – Acrylic



Breton Point – Storm at Sea by Mary O'Malley-Joyce – Oil



Ocean's Treasures by Patricia Arroyo – Mixed Media



Careful by Barbara Barletto – Watercolor



Ocean Grove, North End by Sandy Binger – Gouache

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