



The Guild of Creative Art

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Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00

Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00

Register for Art Classes

All Mediums * Teens and Adults

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

For detailed information, including a list of materials needed, please contact the teacher of the class. Teacher contact information is located on the class schedule.

Autumn

Portfolio Review

Delivery of Artwork: By Appointment only:

November 12, 2026

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

Future Guild Exhibitions

Click [HERE](#) for:

- ✓ 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

Dates and times are subject to change.

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

Artwork by Students in James Kent's Class
Lyrical Abstract Expressionism

The Guild of Creative Art presents our
34th Annual Open Juried Show

For details, click [HERE](#).

Online submission deadline August 28, 2026

Show: Oct 3 – 28, Reception: Oct 4 3:00 – 5:00



New York Bound by Minako Toyonaga

ART IN BLOOM

On display October 17th – October 21st

Reception Oct. 17th 2:00 – 4:00

Floral designers create arrangements that complement artwork from the Open Juried Show

The Guild Photography Group

will be exhibiting their work in our
Studio Gallery in October

Welcome New Members

Megan Dzwonkowski

Terri Mack

Margaret Reed

Guild President David Levy

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2026 Guild of Creative Art Board of Directors

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President's Message

I often remark to the volunteers who hang our shows, that our monthly exhibits seem to be getting better and better. This is no hyperbole. This is a fact. Case in point: Our Exhibiting Members No-Theme Show is soon to be a wonderful memory. The show closes on Wednesday, August 26th.

When you have ninety-five submissions (a record for this show), composed of artists who have recently become Exhibiting members, the Guild is able to showcase new works that are technically accomplished, imaginative, and powerful in message. These exhibits become the continuing lifeblood of our organization. We believe that by tying greater exhibiting privileges to upgrading one's membership through our Semi-annual Portfolio Review, we help fulfill the mission of the Guild: To advance excellence in the visual arts. We invite members to participate of our next Portfolio Review on Thursday, November 12th (receiving), Friday, November 13th (judging), and Saturday, November 14th (pickup of submitted work). To learn more, simply click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the Portfolio Review section.

Next up: "Elements of Being", an exhibition by Debra Kurtz, Randy Mayer, and Lori Weisenfeld. Be prepared for a magnificent exhibit including works in oil, watercolor, pastel and graphite. The show will run from August 29th to September 29th with a reception on Sunday, August 30th from 3:00 until 5:00 PM.

Our Board of Directors hosted a volunteer brunch on Sunday, August 23rd for those who have contributed their time and efforts toward making the Guild run. Did you know that of the approximately 380 members we have about 70 core volunteers? That is an impressive number. We could not function without their help. So, from the bottom of my heart, and on behalf of my fellow Board members, I thank and salute you!

The recent passing of Anthony ("Butch") Migliaccio marked a huge loss for the Guild and the art community as well. Anthony was an iconic figure, an accomplished artist, a lifelong teacher, former Guild Board Officer, and one of the sweetest individuals on this earth. How touching that the family gave mourners the opportunity to donate to the Guild on Tony's behalf, and we continue to receive donations. Thank you Dee!

These donations, as well as other contributions help us keep up with ever increasing expenses such as the \$12,500 for a new studio furnace that will be installed shortly. If you would like to donate online to the Guild, please click [HERE](#). We appreciate your help.

Midnight on August 28th is the deadline for submitting to our 34th annual Open Juried Show. If history is any guide, we will have over 300 submissions for a gallery that can comfortably hold about 100 works. Paring down those submissions and awarding over \$2000 in prize monies and ten medals of achievement will be the difficult tasks for our esteemed judges, James Yarosh and Jim LaSala. Click [HERE](#) to find the Open Juried Show Prospectus and biographies of our judges. You will be impressed. Be a part of our biggest show of the year. It is sure to be a fabulous display.

"Art in Bloom", an independent group of floral designers, will select a work from the Open Juried Show as an inspiration to create a living sculpture floral arrangement. Because of its perishable nature, the "Art in Bloom" Exhibit will only be on view from October 17th to the 21st, with a reception on Sunday, October 18th from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. The merging of fine art and floral design is truly delightful. Two receptions, along with an exhibit by the Guild Photography Group in our studio, as well as a display by Guild Exhibiting and Associate members in our lobby make October an exciting month at the Guild. We look forward to seeing you.

The onset of fall brings a fresh opportunity to take a class at the Guild. The Guild is proud to offer classes in various mediums from talented teachers, and for all ability levels. For a complete class schedule, click [HERE](#). Guild of Creative Art: First of its kind! First in its class!

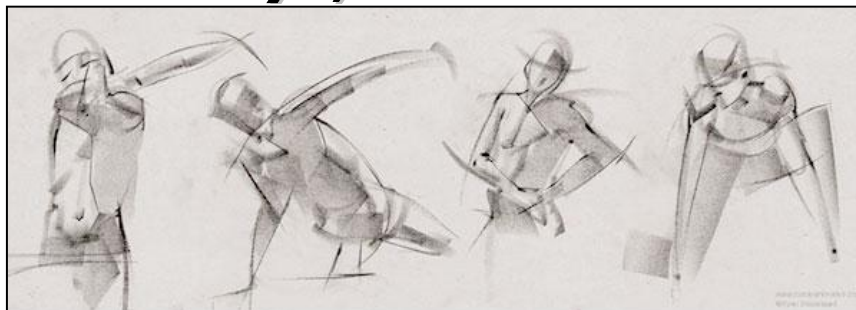
Art Education and Growth Opportunities

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	randymayer@me.com
Painting with 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***



Open to all adult Guild members
Non-member adults also invited
Figure drawing with a live model
No instruction

This workshop is headed by **Susan Rickman**

Contact Susan Rickman by email at

josunset59@verizon.net



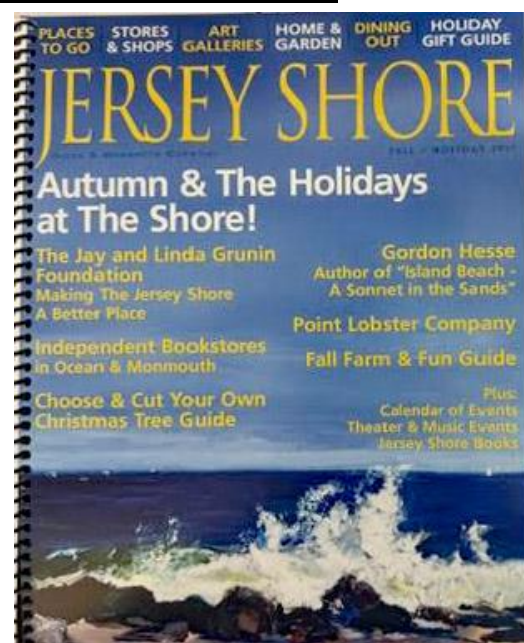
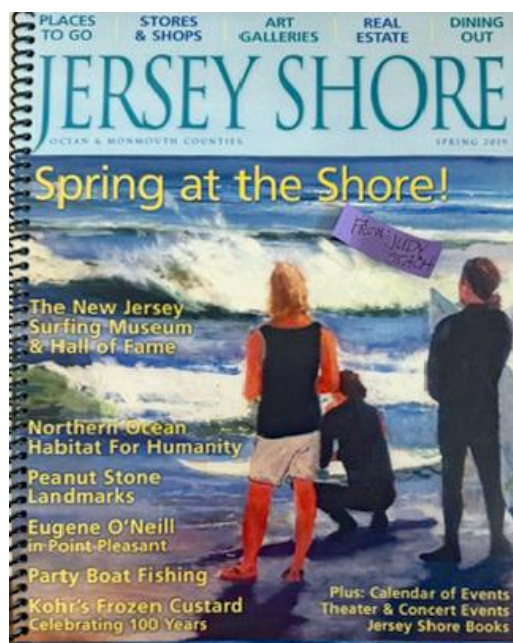
Anthony Migliaccio

In Memoriam

Anthony J. Migliaccio

passed away peacefully on August 4, 2026. Tony was a vice president of the Guild of Creative Art, serving as a teacher, Board member and officer for many years. The Guild sends its condolences to Tony's family and friends. To read his full obituary, please click [HERE](#).

MEMBER NEWS



Judy Stach had her oil paintings, *Surf's Up*, and *Thundering Wave* on the cover of two issues of Jersey Shore magazine this year.

Congratulations to Guild Members accepted into
Belmar Arts 22nd Juried Art exhibition:

Marino Cirillo *Twins* and *Mr. Purple* →

Audrey Goldman *Tumbling Pots #1 #2*

Anita Gutkin *Four friends*

Lesley *Husband Watchful Wings* and
Rainforest Romance (Wild Panamanian Parrots)

Patricia Hutchinson *Avenging Angel*

Christopher Mac Kinnon *Ordered Chaos*

Bob Novak *Quality is Gone*

Rosie Rounds *Friends* and *Treacherous Twins*

Michael Scherfen *Roadside Vendor, Amalfi, IT*
and *Afghan Pashtun Tribesman*

Jackie St. Angel *tude*

Lorie Van Auken *Flower Fence at Swimming River*

Matt Wieczkowski *The Geometry of Becoming*



Twins



by Marino Cirillo

Mr. Purple

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 of the piece. Medium . Your town of residence

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

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

Optic Alcove #2, a photograph by **Marilyn Baldi** will be part of the Monmouth Arts exhibit "Feast" at the Oyster Point in Red Bank from September 4th through November 2nd. The opening reception is Friday September 11th from 6:00 – 8:00.

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 curated the Monmouth Arts' Open Juried Show "FEAST" at the Oyster Point Hotel, September 4–November 2.

Harvey Rogosin's *Looking Through the Windows at the Grand Tetons* is showcased in the Pastel Society of America's online publication. He has also been selected for the PSA 54th Annual Exhibition *Enduring Brilliance* on display from September 8th to the 26th at the Galleries of the National Arts Club in Manhattan.

***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.

***Category and
Contact Info***

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We Thank our Recent Volunteers

Building: David Levy, Tom Camal, Marino Cirillo, Jay Eaton, Bob Stetz, Duncan Culver

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Desk Coverage: David Levy, Marino Cirillo, Jay Eaton, MaryAnn Goodwin, Liz Jacobelli, Bob Stetz

Figure Workshop: Susan Rickman

Grant Data: Patricia Zilinski

Grounds: David Levy, MaryAnn Goodwin

History Project: Evelyn Kunycky

Housekeeping: David Levy, Tina Behr, Patricia Zilinski

Mira Vie docent tour: David Levy, Barbara Russo

Laundry: Tina Behr, Phil Jacobelli

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

Office Volunteers: David Levy, Natalie Kadash, Evelyn Kunycky, Patricia Zilinski

Offsite Volunteers:/Shrewsbury Borough Hall: David Levy, Marino Cirillo, Duncan Culver, Jay Eaton, Natalie Kadash, Evelyn Kunycky, Vicky Culver,

Open Juried Show Committee: David Levy, Audrey Lombardi, Barbara Russo, Steve Ravner, Patricia Hart Zackman

Phone calls: David Levy

Purchasing: David Levy, Tina Behr, Liz Jacobelli, Duncan Culver, Vicky Culver

Photography at Guild events: David Levy, Barbara Russo, Tom Camal, Marino Cirillo, Patricia Zilinski

SEARCH Day Volunteers: David Levy

Social Media: David Levy, Barbara Withers

Technology: Jay Eaton, Barbara Withers

Volunteer Recognition: Bob Stetz

Webmasters: Mike Menendez, Steve Ravner

WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS!



Benefits of a Guild of Creative Art Membership

Membership offers:

- 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.

Guild Membership Dues

Membership dues expire each year on **December 31st**. To keep your membership current, be sure your yearly dues are paid **by January 1st** of each calendar year.

Annual Membership Dues:

General \$30 Associate \$45 Exhibiting \$80

Renewal is easy. Options:

1. Click [HERE](#) to pay your dues online
2. Call 732-741-1441 to pay with your credit card
3. Pay at the Guild with cash, check, or credit card

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: 30% of Member Tuition
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 money 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.

For more information on either topic, please contact:

Marilyn Baldi mmbrc8@verizon.net

Click [HERE](#) to make a donation to the Guild



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 to become a medal sponsor

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Guild Memberships Dues 2026

General: \$30

Associate: \$45

Exhibiting: \$80

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

All dues expire on December 31 of each year.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Guild on



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Original Art Work 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:

- New Exhibits each month – Open to the public with free admission
- A wide series of Fine Art Courses and Workshops for adults, teens, and children
- Fine artwork in various disciplines from local and regional artists
- A premier source of original art at affordable prices
- Independent gallery space rental for Exhibiting Member artists
- Docent Tours and Presentations available free of charge
- Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 – 4:00, Saturday: 10:00 – 3:00

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Art Teachers:

Does your school require you to have periodic professional improvement and growth experiences?

The Guild of Creative Art is a Professional Development Provider

In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education guidelines, the Guild of Creative Art provides instruction which is in alignment with the state of New Jersey Department of Education standards, and local school district improvement goals. By actively participating in Guild classes, school teachers have the opportunity for professional growth to enhance their body of artistic knowledge, and to broaden the scope of their artistic ability and instructional techniques.

For information regarding classes that provide professional growth opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Guild Exhibiting Members

Leave a Legacy – Become a Teacher

There is no greater gift to society than sharing your talent and knowledge with others. Leave a legacy to the art world. Become a Guild teacher. We have a few time slots open in the Guild studio for new classes. To qualify as a Guild instructor, you must be a Guild of Creative Art Exhibiting member in good standing. Your class requires approval by the Guild's Board.

Click [HERE](#) for a class proposal form

To receive the Guild's **Art News**

by email, click [HERE](#)
to subscribe.

Get informed about news and happenings at the Guild.

It's free!



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](#).

Images from the Guild Exhibiting Members' August Show

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. To **Purchase** Art online from a Guild Exhibit, click [HERE](#)

The Guild is proud to offer to the public original art at affordable prices.

All exhibits are open to the public and admission free. All donations to the Guild are voluntary and much appreciated.

Open: Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00, Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00 Call the Guild at 732-741-1441 for viewing times.



The Blue Agenda by Bonnie Ambrosia – Acrylic



Female Portrait by Arthur Andersen – Oil Copper



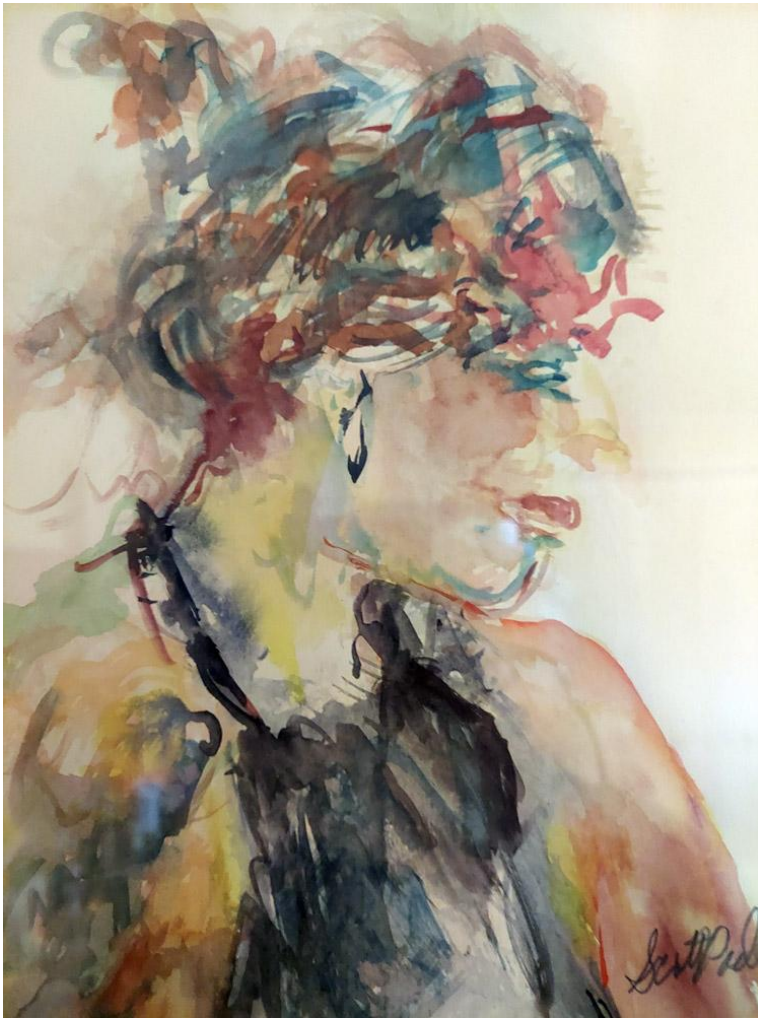
Liquid Mirror by Lesley Husband – Photography



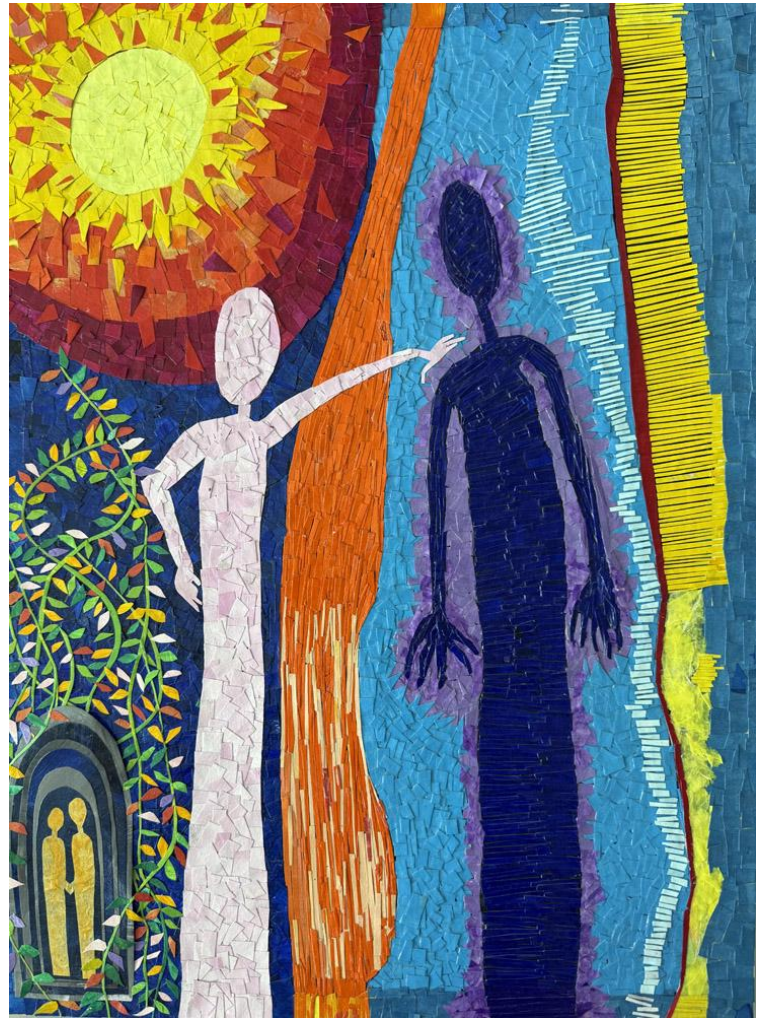
Strike Pose by Debra Bruno – Photography



Quiet Hillside by Barbara Calvo – Watercolor



Gypsy in Repose by Scott Paden – Watercolor



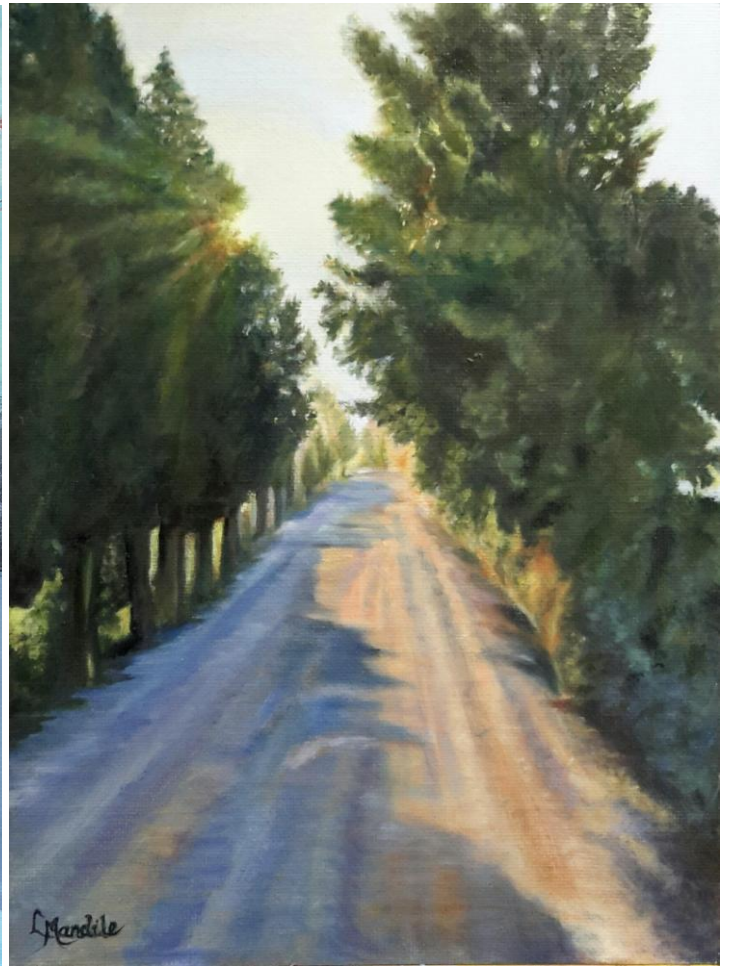
The Loving Touch by Anita Gutkin



Midnight Slumber by Ben DeMarco - Photograph



Beautiful Mess by Annette Margulies – Acrylic



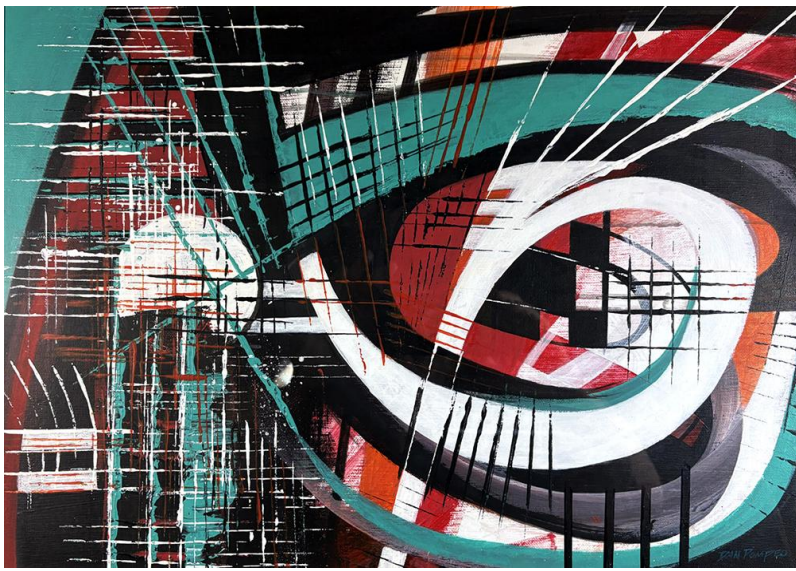
Tuscan Sunset by Laura Mandile – Oil on Board



Bottled Light by Amy McGovern – Acrylic



Tent City-Summer by Bob Novac – Photograph



Whirlwind by Daniel Pompeo – Acrylic



Broken Glass Factory by Mary Ann McKay – Mixed Media



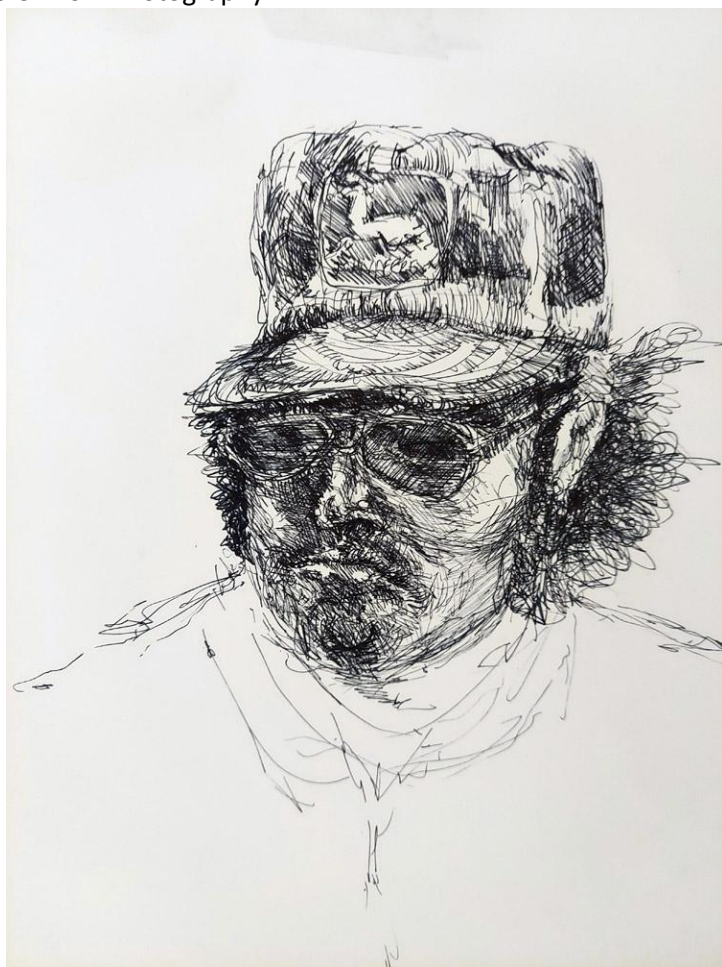
Gondola Ride by Susan P. Currie - Oil



Violet Beauties by Marino Cirillo – Photography



Glass Gaden by Amy McGowen – Acrylic



Jefe by Scott Paden – Pen & Ink



Summit of the SeaBirds by Lesley Husband – Photography



Orange Lady Stone by Audrey Goldman (l-r) Views 1 and 2 – Sculpture



Layers #3 by Robert Calabrese – Ink & Colored Pencil



Times Square by Lorraine La Grua – Oil



Elephant Tapestry by Nalini Goel – Paper Quilling



Blue Infinity by Patricia Arroyo – Acrylic



Sea Bright by Anne Goldberg – Acrylic



Flame Bush by Sandy Birchler – Gouache



Failing Bethlehem by Mary Ann McKay

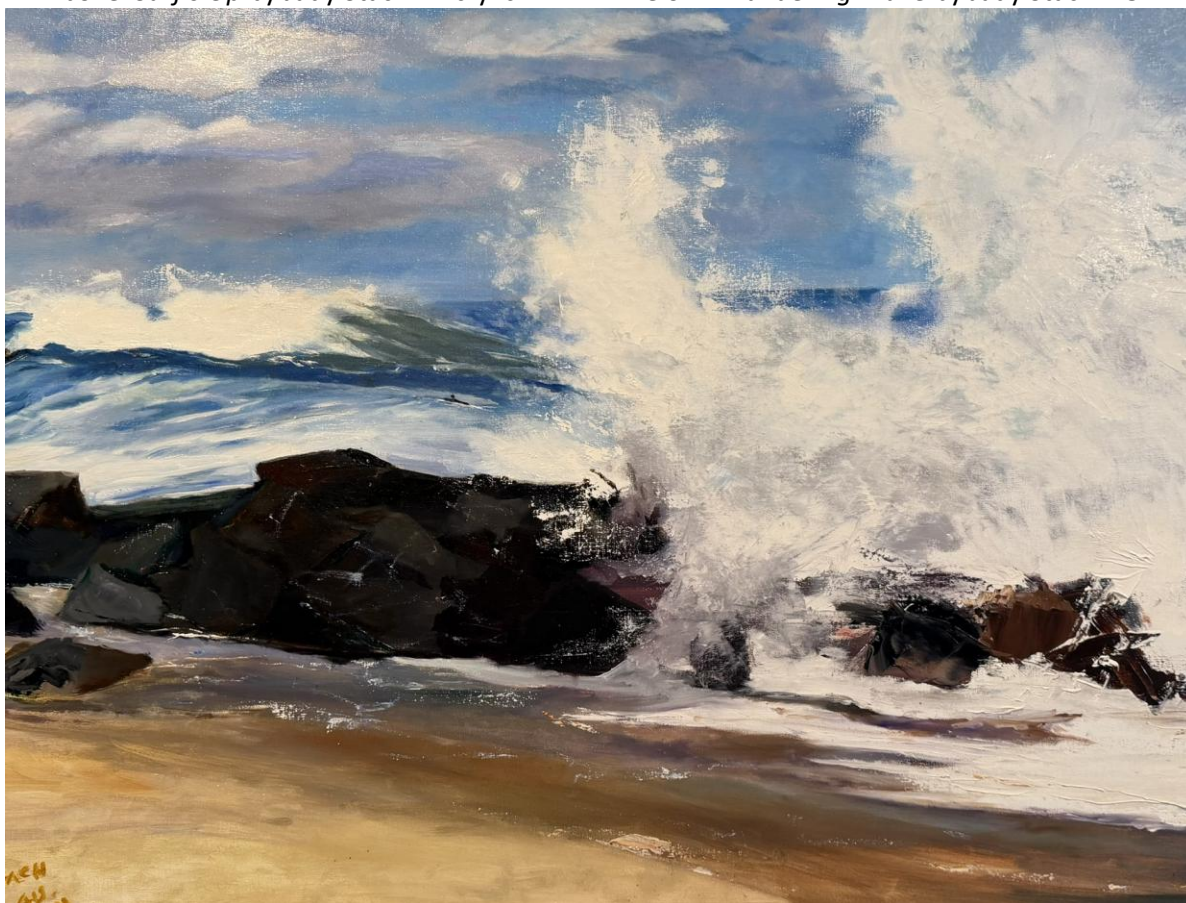


Indigo Tide by Yelena AkhomoVA – Oil



Above: *Surf's Up* by Judy Stach – Acrylic

Below: *Thundering Wave* by Judy Stach – Oil





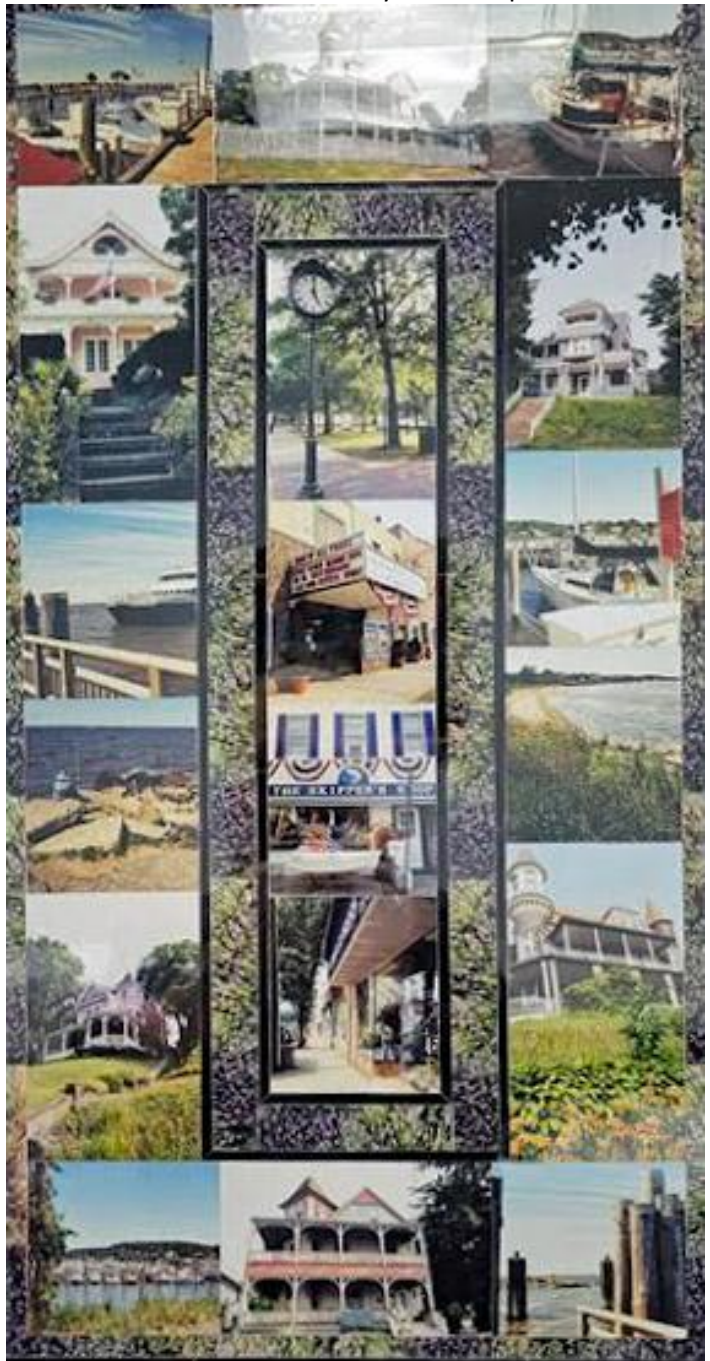
Shared Roots III by Patricia Zilinski – Oil



Bucks Mill Pond by Paula Shipman – Oil



Smack & Run by Keith Alan Spaar Sr. – Acrylic

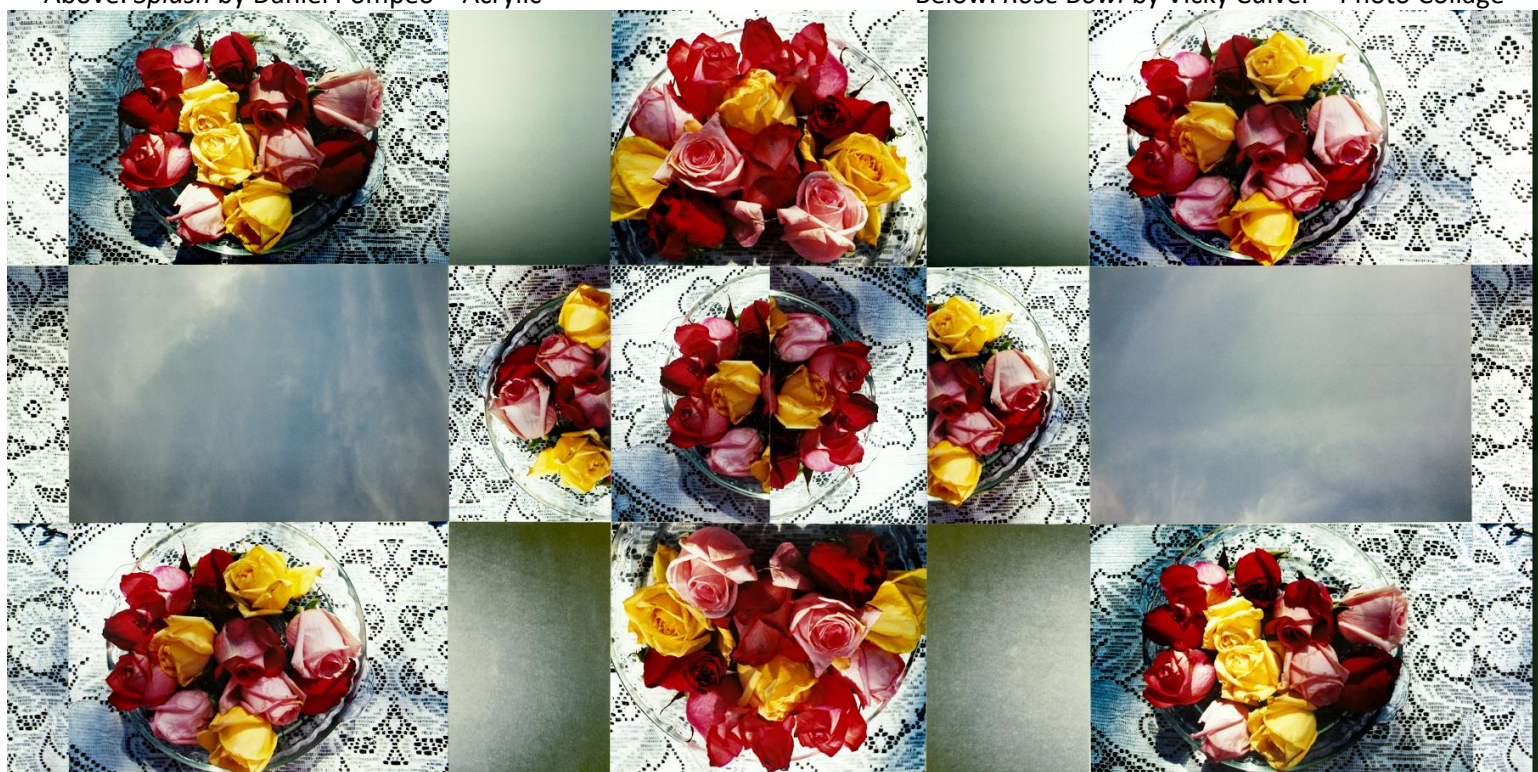


Get Your Kicks in 07716! by Vicky Culver – Photo Collage



Above: *Splash* by Daniel Pompeo – Acrylic

Below: *Rose Bowl* by Vicky Culver – Photo Collage





Above: *Dark Art* by Bill Ross – Ink

Below: *Von Goethe Oktopus* by Keith Alan Spaar – Mixed Media





The Birth of Edelweiss by Patricia Arroyo - Acrylic



Virginia Plane by Duncan Culver – Sculpture



The Forest by Susan Currie – Oil



Above: *Female Nude* by Arthur Andersen – Pencil

Below: *Midnight Slumber* by Ben DeMarco – Photography

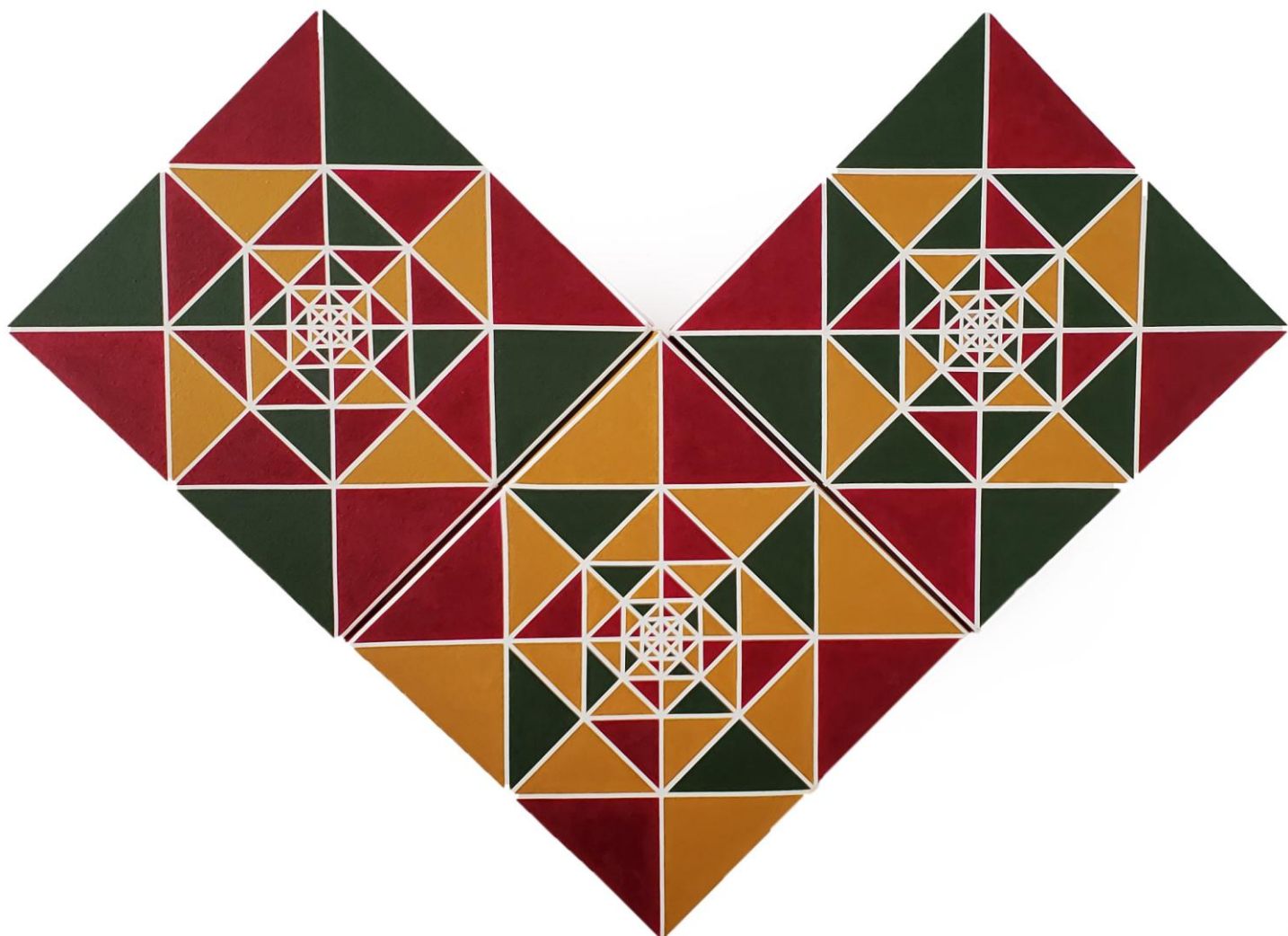




Tropical Whirlpools by Bonnie Ambrosia – Acrylic



Flower Farm by Laura Mandile – Oil



Triptych: Double Fractal by David Levy – Acrylic



Above: *Jammin' at the Fair* by Jeff Robinson – Acrylic

Below: *Carousel* by Thomas J. Camal – Photography



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