



The Guild of Creative Art

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Gallery Open Tuesday through Friday 8:00 – 4:00

Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00

Register for Art Classes

All Mediums for Teens and Adults

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

Patrick Dorgan presents Color Workshop

One Day Only!!!

October 7, 2026 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Instructor: Patrick Dorgan

Tuition for Members and Non-Members:

\$25.00

Comprehend the various attributes of color:

Hue, Value, Chroma

For a list of materials needed, email:

Dorgan140.6@me.com

Click [HERE](#) for complete information and to register online

Autumn Portfolio Review

Delivery of Artwork: By Appointment only:

November 12, 2026

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



2025 OJ Show Best in Painting - New York Bound by Minako Toyonaga

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

For details, click [HERE](#).

Registration has Concluded

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

ART IN BLOOM

On display October 17th – October 21st

Reception Oct. 18th 2:00 – 4:00

Floral designers create arrangements that
inspired by artwork from the Open Juried Show

In our Studio Gallery through October

Artists from Jim Kent's
Lyrical Abstract Expressionism Group



Coming to our Gallery in November:

Pratima Rao's Solo Show

Under the Mediterranean Sun

October 31 – December 2



Tuesday Evening Art Workshops

Texture & Color

Instructor: Gina Cannone, Fine Artist

Art Workshops for Every Skill Level

October 20th Workshop: Apple in Color

November 17th Workshop: Winter Landscape

December 8th Workshop: Holiday Gnome

TIME: 6:00-8:30 pm

Guild Member cost: **\$65** per workshop

Non - Member cost: **\$95** per workshop

Click [HERE](#) for complete information
and to register online

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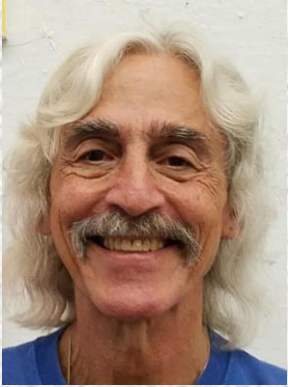
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Workshops
Remaining

Contact Gina at: ginaconnone7@gmail.com or (917) 865-4662

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President's Message

We have been mesmerized by the September exhibit in our Gallery titled *Elements of Being*, by **Debra Kurtz**, **Randy Mayer**, and **Lori Weisenfeld**. Collectively, they presented quite a show; a trompe l'oeil tour de force that will not soon be forgotten.

The Guild's 34th Annual Open Juried Show is next in our Gallery. This annual exhibit will be on display from October 3rd through October 28th, with a reception on Sunday, October 4th, from 3:00 until 5:00 PM. This exhibit features artwork from some of the area's most talented artists.

Our esteemed judges, James Yarosh (painting/sculpture), and Jim LaSala (photography) selected a gallery-friendly 105 pieces of artwork from 284 submissions. They face the difficult task of selecting winners of Medals of Achievement and over \$2000 in award monies.

The reception will be a crowded and touching affair as most of the medals are in memory of loved ones, and donors may choose to speak about them during the presentation. Keep in mind that our Exhibiting and Associate Lobby Show will be on view as well, always a visual treat when visitors come through the doors.

During this same month we feature three other Guild events. On Sunday, October 11th from 2:00 until 4:00 PM, two poets, **Ed Ryterband** and **Alba DiBello**, will present a reading and discussion from their recently published book, *The View From Over Here*. A donation of \$20 to the Guild will provide you with a signed copy of their book in addition to the reading. Make it a point to visit. This is a special offering.

Floral designers will once again display their arrangements for the **Art in Bloom** exhibit at the Guild. These individuals pick one work from our Open Juried Show and create a living sculpture inspired by it. The **Art in Bloom** reception is on Sunday, October 18th, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. The efforts of these floral artists are a delight to witness. As the works are perishable, this exhibit runs only from October 17th to the 21st. Stop by and see the display.

Rounding out the Guild's October schedule are two special workshops. On Wednesday, October 7th from 6:00 until 9:00 PM, **Patrick Dorgan** will present a workshop which will be a game changer for artists who wish to understand the true nature of color and its elements: hue, chroma, and value. The entry fee for this workshop is \$25. Simply click [HERE](#) for more information or to sign up.

On Tuesday, October 20th from 6:00 until 8:30, new Guild Instructor, **Gina Cannone**, will present **Apple in Color — An Impasto Painting Workshop**, her second workshop in a series of four exploring color and texture. Each participant will take home a completed work. All materials will be provided. The fee is \$65 for Guild members and \$95 for non-members. Gina will also present workshop #3: **Winter Landscape— An Impasto Painting Workshop** on November 17th, and **Holiday Gnome— A Festive Painting Workshop** on December 8th. Click [HERE](#) to sign up. Seats are limited! October bursts with creative activity at Guild of Creative Art.

November brings to the Guild Gallery **Under the Tuscan Sun: Plein Air Seascapes from Southern Spain and Other Works**, a solo show by Guild Instructor, **Pratima Rao**. This show will be on display from October 31st through December 2nd, with a reception on Sunday, November 1st from 3:00 until 5:00 PM. Additionally, Pratima will provide an **Artist Talk** the following Sunday, November 8th, beginning at 3:00 PM. Art enthusiasts are encouraged to come to the Guild on November 8th for an intimate artist talk, where Rao will discuss her creative process. The Artist Talk is admission free and open to the public.

Don't forget the Portfolio Jury. This is the process in which members and non-members may elevate their membership to Associate or Exhibiting level and receive the increased privileges these memberships offer. Click [HERE](#) and scroll down for complete Portfolio Jury instructions.

A final note: On behalf of the Board, we thank Tom Camal for his tenure on our Board of Directors, and serving us so well. We will miss you Tom, but we happily know you will still be a part of the Guild family. We also offer a hearty welcome to Bonnie Ambrosia, who will serve the remainder of Tom's term. Thank you, Bonnie!

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

Art Education and Growth Opportunities

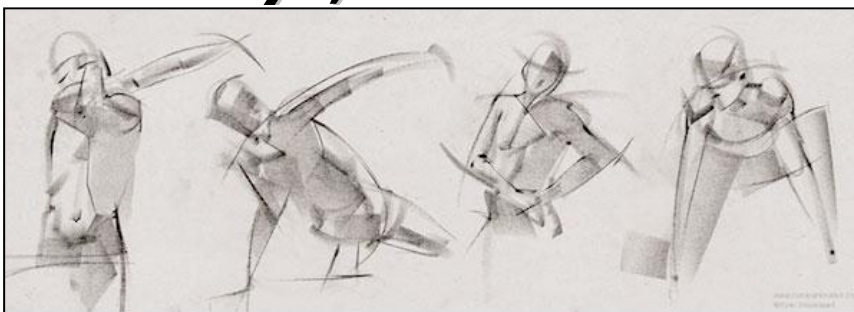
Art Instruction in the Guild Studio

Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

Class	Instructor	Day & Time	Contact Instructor
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
Impasto Painting	Gina Cannone	Thursdays 6:00 – 8:30 pm	ginaacannone7@gmail.com
Painting with Pastels	Carole Rogers	Fridays 10:00 – 12:00	crogers222@gmail.com
Drawing and Painting	Leslie Backlund	Saturdays 12:00-2:00	lesliebacklund@gmail.com

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

Informal Figure Drawing Workshop Tuesdays, 10:00 – Noon



Casual atmosphere

No need to call

Come when you can

No pre-registration required

Open to all adult Guild members

Non-member adults also invited

Figure drawing with a live model

Sharpen your skills

No instruction

The figure drawing
workshop is
organized by

Susan Rickman

Contact Susan Rickman
by email at

Josunset59@verizon.net

Guild Photography Group

Meets each month on the second
Tuesday via Zoom: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Free to Guild photographers.

Contact Patricia Hart Zackman:
Email: digitalphz@yahoo.com
Phone: 908.461.5579

Color Workshop with Patrick Dorgan

One Day Only!!!

October 7, 2026 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Instructor: Patrick Dorgan

Cost for Members and Non-Members:

\$25.00

Click [HERE](#) for complete information

New This Fall: Tuesday Evening Art Workshops

Texture & Color

Instructor: Gina Cannone

Tuesday Evenings 6:00 – 8:30

October 20, Nov 17, Dec 8

Guild Members: \$65 per workshop

Non - Members: \$95 per workshop

Click [HERE](#) for complete information

Beginning October 22: Impasto Painting

Instructor: Gina Cannone

Thursday Evenings 6:00 – 8:30

6 weekly classes

Members: \$285 Non-Members: \$315

Click [HERE](#) for complete info

MEMBER NEWS

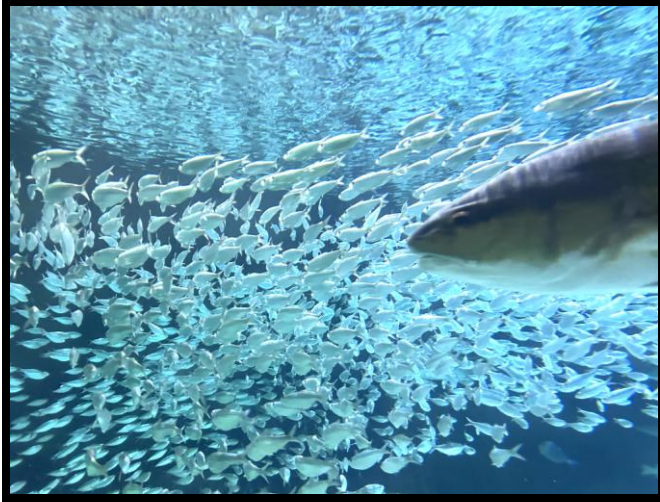
Congratulations to Guild members in the Belmar Arts Council's JAS22 Annual Open Juried Show:

1st Place, Michael Scherfen for "Afghan Pashtun Tribesman".

Also in the show: **Marino Cirillo (2), Helene Condouris (2), Audrey Goldman (1), Anita Gutkin (1), Lesley Husband (1), Patricia Hutchinson (1), Christopher MacKinnon (1), Bob Novak (1), Matt Philbin (1), Rosie Rounds (1), Jackie St, Angel (1), Lori Van Auken (1), and Matt Wieszczowski (1)**

Participating Guild Members in the Monmouth Arts' "Feast" Exhibit at the Oyster Point Hotel are:

Marilyn Baldi, Yolanda Fleming, MaryAnn Goodwin, Sophie LaBell, Dan Pompeo, Carole G. Rogers, Bill Ross, Ellen Rubinstein, Beth C. Stamp, Karen Starrett, Kristen VanderHook and Barbara Withers



Ellen Rubinstein has a photograph, *Looks Like Lunch* (pictured left) included in the annual Monmouth Arts Charles Sills Memorial Exhibit, to be held at the Oyster Point Hotel in Red Bank, on display until November 2nd.

Congratulations to **David Levy** for being curated into the November exhibit at The Oyster Point Hotel, entitled "A Sense of Place" on display November 3rd, 2026 through January 5th, 2027.

Opening reception: Friday, November 20, 2026 from 6pm - 8pm

Congratulations to Guild members in the 2026 Monmouth Senior Art Show:

Dana McKay – 1st Place Professional Photography

Barbara John Calvo – 1st Place Professional Pastel Painting

Mary Ann Smorra – 2nd Place Professional Photography

Helen "Eleni" Antholis – 2nd Place Professional Pastel Painting

Ernest Antholis Jr. – 2nd Place Non-Professional Pastel Painting

Gina Cannone – 2nd Place Professional Acrylic Painting

Michele Rath – 2nd Place Professional Watercolor

Bob Dowd – 3rd Place Professional Photography

Laura Mandile – 3rd Place Professional Oil Painting

Paul Pugliese – 3rd Place Professional Sculpture

Matt Wieczkowski – 3rd Place Professional Works on Paper



Congratulations to current and past Guild members included in the book by **Tova Navarra** and **Yolanda Navarra Fleming** titled *New Jersey Masters: A New Legacy of Visual Arts*: (shown above right): **Sheilagh Casey, Vicky Culver, Jackie Dickert, Val Dyshlov, Sherri Ehrlich, Sheila Grabarsky, Paul Hansen, Eileen Kennedy, Abby Levine, David Levy, Ellen Martin, Anthony Migliaccio, Vincent Nardone, Scott Nickerson, Demetrius Patterson, Mona Pollard, Amy Puccio, Mike Quon, Bill Ross, Elizabeth Schippert and Sven Widen**

Marilyn Baldi will have two of her photographs, *Ghost Town #4* and *Thru the Hospital-Kolmanskop* as part of the "Through the Windows" performance at the NJ Repertory Theater Brut Festival from Nov 13 through November 22, at the West End Gallery in Long Branch.

**We thank Thomas J. Camal for his service on the Guild's Board of Directors.
We welcome Bonnie Ambrosia as a new member of the Board of Directors.**

***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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Contact Info***

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We Thank our Recent Volunteers

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Grant Data: Patricia Zilinski

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Housekeeping:

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Mira Vie docent tour:

David Levy, Barbara Russo

Laundry: Tina Behr, Phil Jacobelli,

September Gallery and Lobby

Shows: David Levy, Tina Behr, Sandy Birchler, Marino Cirillo, Duncan Culver, Karen Donnelly, Joan Fruchter, Anita Gutkin, Liz Jacobelli, Natalie Kadash, Lorraine LaGrua, Bob Novak, Jim Powers, Michele Rath, Barbara Russo, MaryAnn Smorra, Barbara Withers

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David Levy, Audrey Lombardi, Barbara Russo, Steve Ravner, Patricia Hart Zackman

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SEARCH Day Volunteers: David Levy

Shrewsbury Art and Artist Day:

Marino Cirillo, Jay Eaton, Liz Jacobelli

Social Media:

David Levy, Barbara Withers

Technology:

Jay Eaton, Barbara Withers

Volunteer Brunch: David Levy,

Tina Behr, Tom Camal, Liz Jacobelli, Sheila Menendez, Bob Stetz

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Guild Mentorship Program

Artists: Would you like to become a Mentor for a young, or inexperienced artist?

**The Guild's
PHOENIX PROJECT
needs you.**



Contact: Patricia Arroyo

Theasburyartist@gmail.com

or

David Levy

Dlevy1939@gmail.com

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

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 member dues, generous donations from our members, proceeds from our workshops and classes, commissions from the sale of artwork, and fundraising events.

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

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the Guild of
Creative Art!**

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

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

To receive the Guild's *Art News*

by email, click [HERE](#) to subscribe. It's free!
Get informed about news and happenings
at the Guild.

Future Guild Exhibits

Click [HERE](#) for complete information

- ✓ Show Dates (gallery, studio, lobby)
- ✓ Entry eligibility for various shows
- ✓ Reception dates and times
- ✓ Receiving dates (Noon to 7:00)
- ✓ After show pick up dates & times
(Dates and times are subject to change)



Wonders of Nature
by Debra Kurtz – Oil



See something you like?

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

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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.

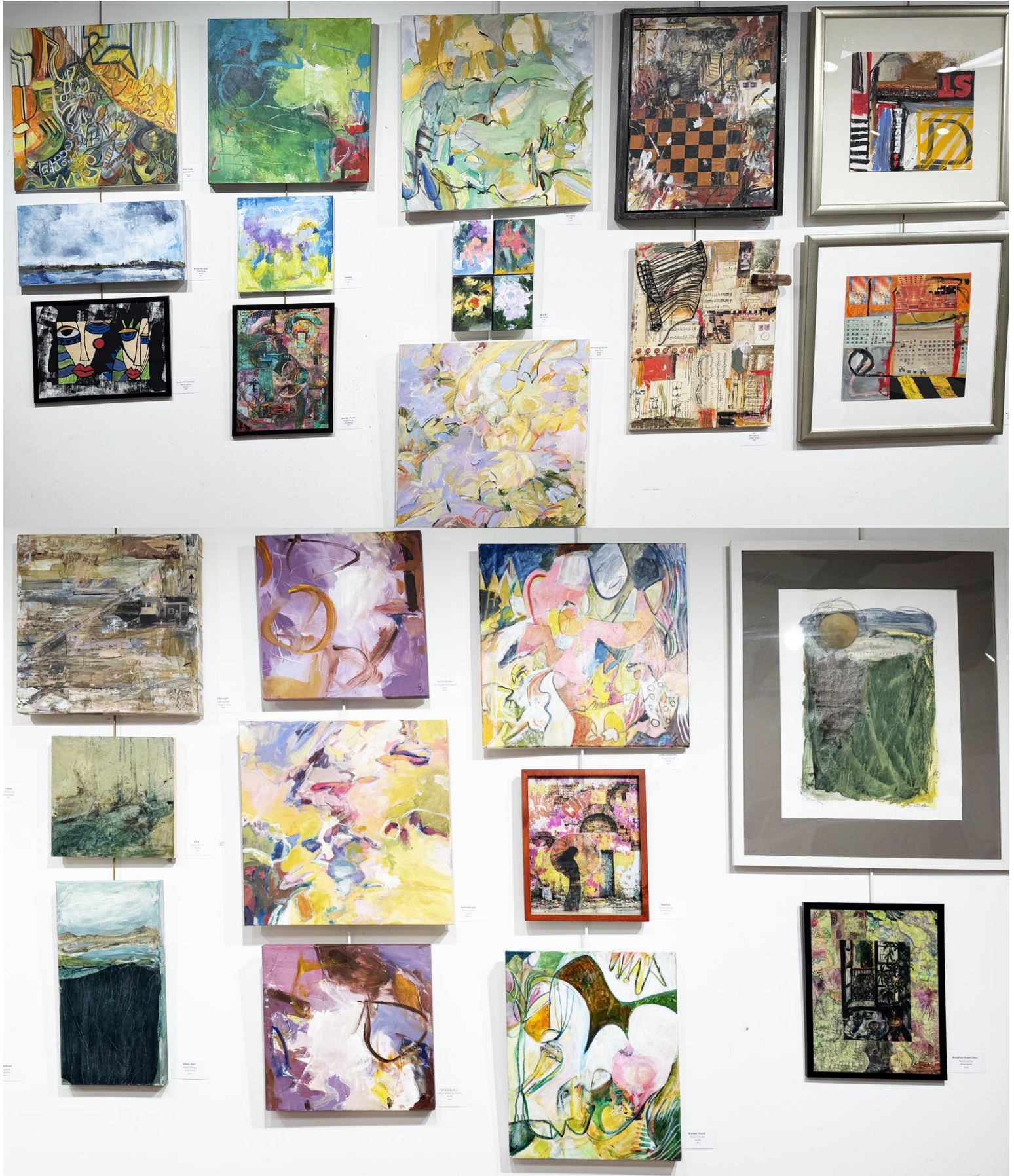
For information regarding classes that provide
professional growth opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Welcome New Members

Sandy Abramson, Sharon Arnone, Gina Cannone,
Maureen Carroll, Sharon Murphy Devereaux,
Megan Dzwonkowski, Stephen Greco, Carolyn Guardino,
Bambi Held, Sylvia Hellman, Maggie Hofmann, Amy Karp,
Ethel Klepper, Belle Koblentz, Julie Koza,
John Lawson, Joanne Lizura, Maria Lopez, Terri Ann Mack,
Jennifer Murray, Stephen Greco, Marilyn Guardino,
Donilo Nolasco, Monica Reddin, Paul Sean Reddin,
Margaret Reed, Dyanne Sebastian, Marilyn Schwertberger,
Susan Shrott, Tammy Tiranasar, Carla Valentino

In Our Studio Gallery in September

Artwork by Jim Kent's Lyrical Abstract Expressionism Group



Images from the Guild's September Show: *Elements of Being* an exhibition by Debra Kurtz, Randy Mayer, and Lori Weisenfeld, PSA

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.

Artist: Debra Kurtz



Wonders of Nature by Debra Kurtz – Oil



Luminous Beauty by Debra Kurtz – Oil



Above: *The Mighty Egret* by Debra Kurtz – Oil

Below: *Summertime* by Debra Kurtz – Oil





Above: *Bursting Blueberries* by Debra Kurtz – Oil Below: *Vibrantly Balanced* by Debra Kurtz – Oil





Magically Colored by Debra Kurtz – Oil



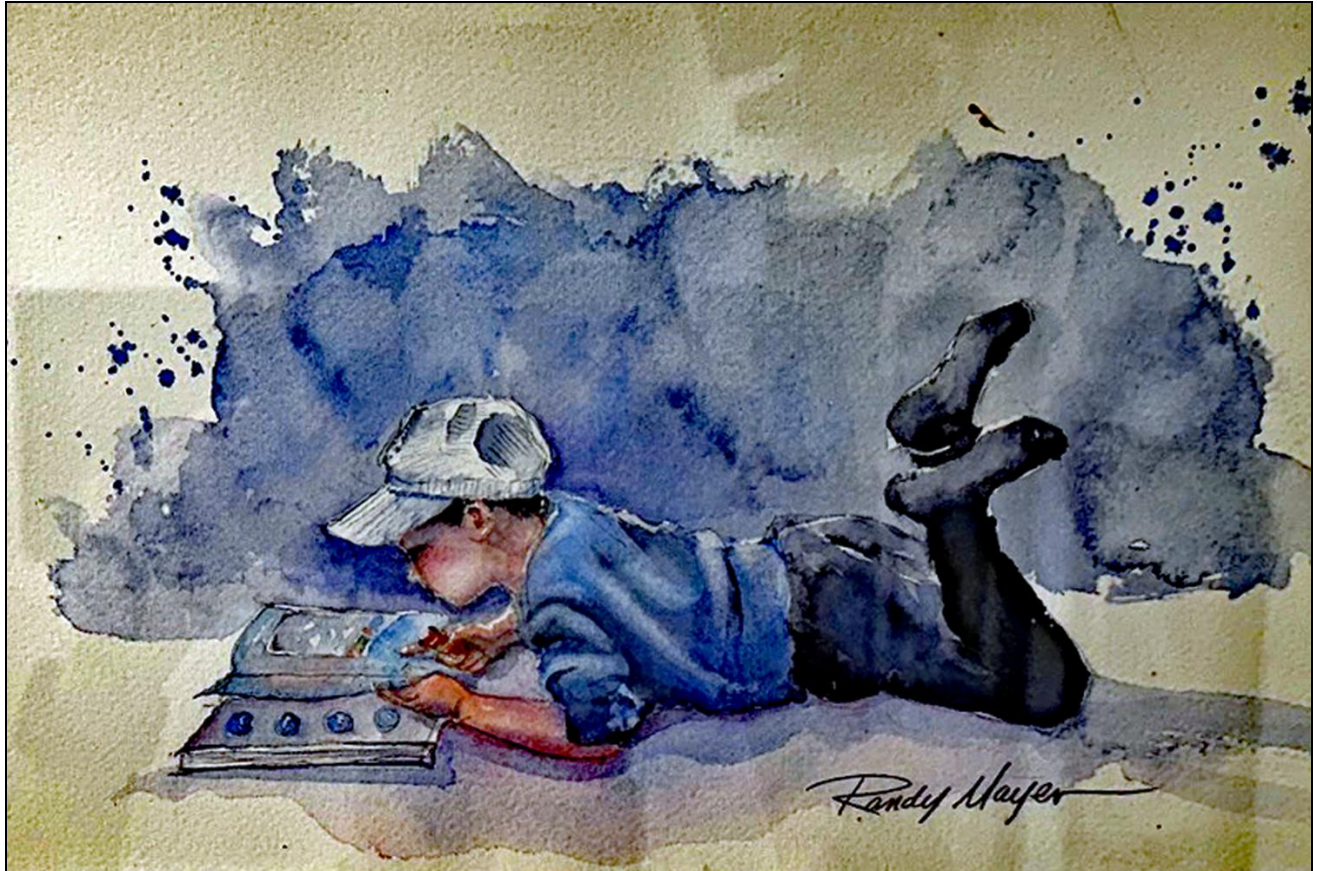
Nature's Bounty by Debra Kurtz – Oil

Artist: Randy Mayer



Above: *Ten Pipers* by Randy Mayer – Watercolor

Below: *My Favorite Book* by Randy Mayer – Watercolor





Serenity by Randy Mayer – Graphite



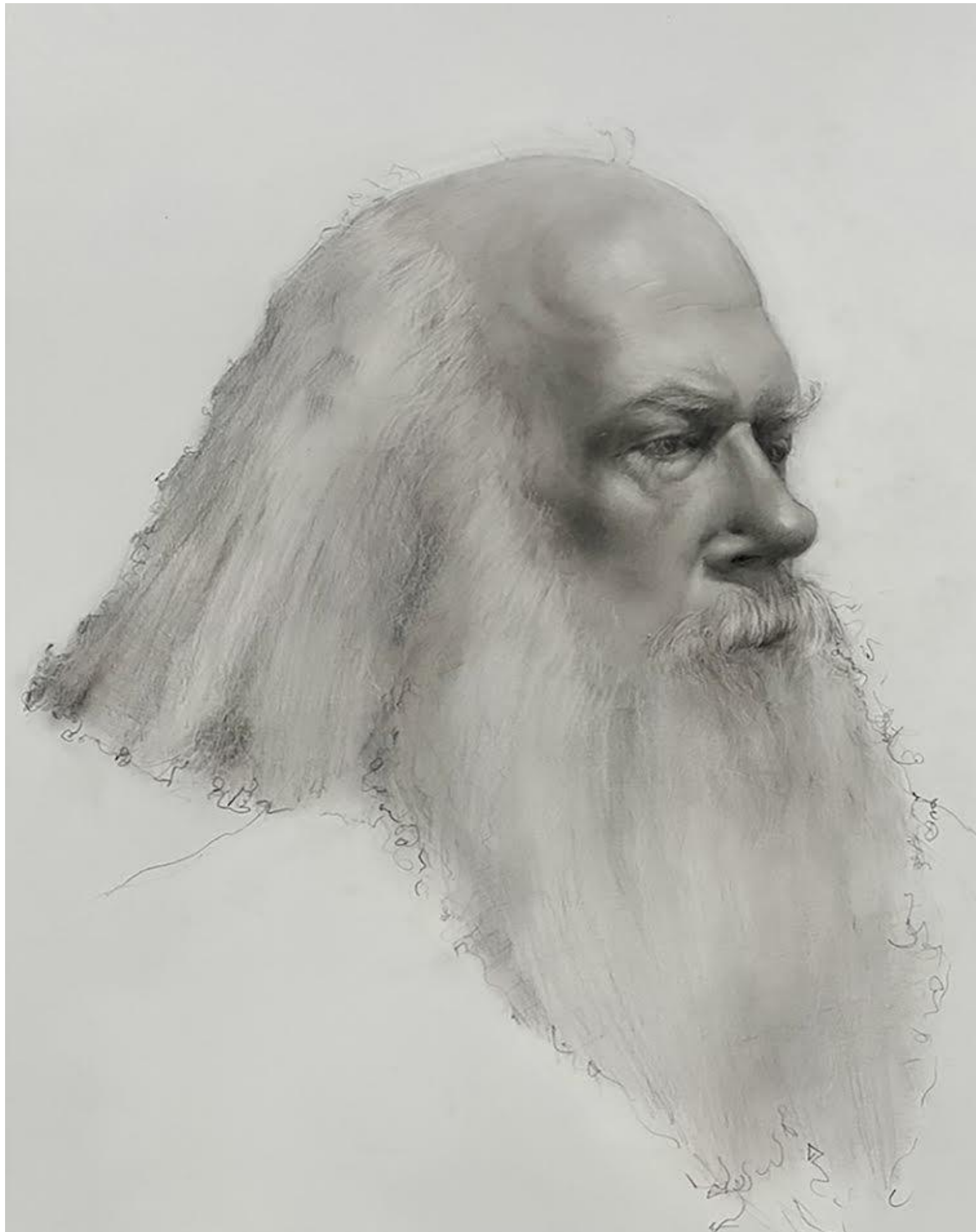
Little Miss Polka Dot by Randy Mayer – Pastel



First Duet by Randy Mayer – Pastel



Solo! by Randy Mayer – Watercolor



Still Sitting Still by Randy Mayer – Graphite

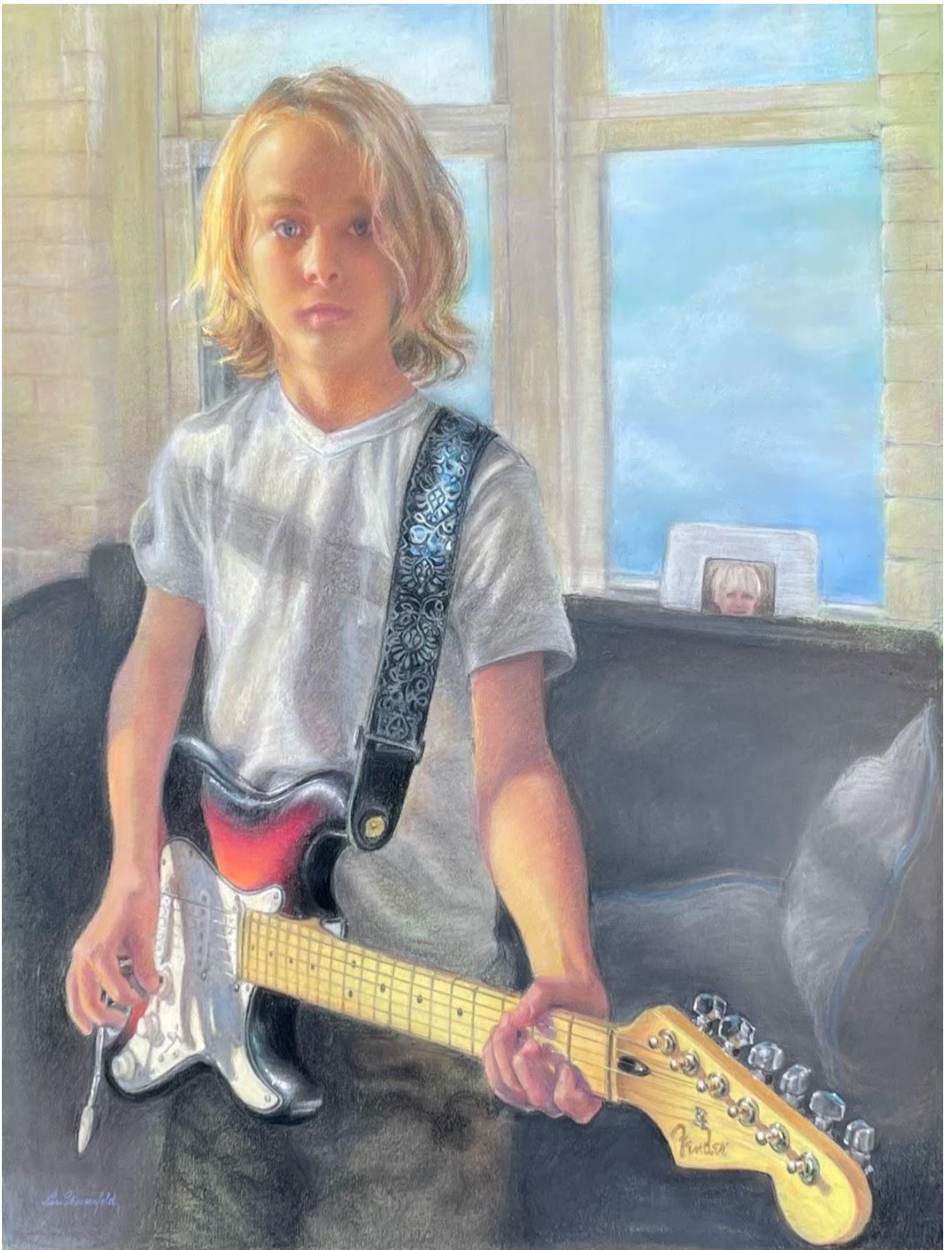


***Emerging* BY Randy Mayer – Alabaster Sculpture**

Artist: Lori Weisenfeld



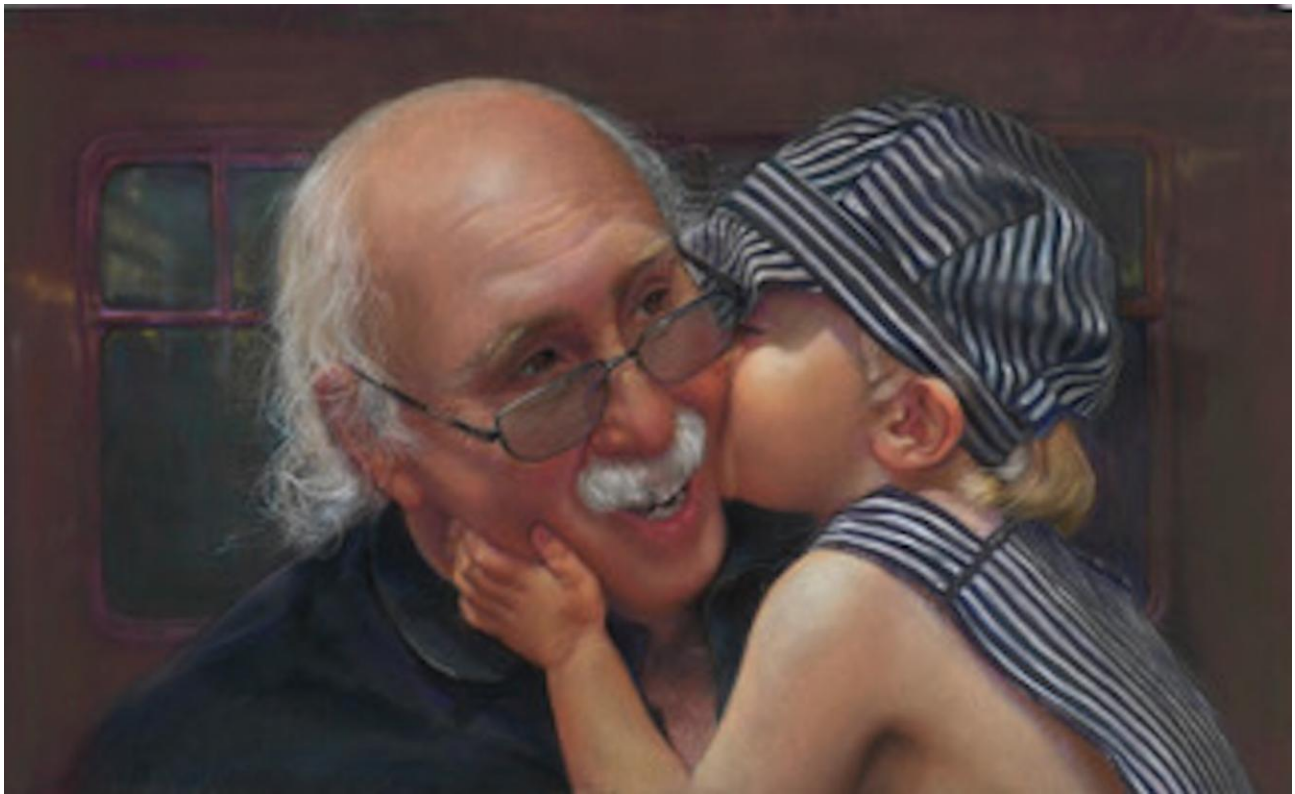
Sunshine of my Love by Lori Weisenfeld – Pastel



Kieran Rocks by Lori Weisenfeld – Pastel



Peace by Lori Weisenfeld – Pastel



Above: *Riding that Train* by Lori Weisenfeld – Pastel

Below: *The Man, the Myth, and the Legend* by Lori Weisenfeld – Pastel





Selma by Lori Weisenfeld – Charcoal and White Chalk



Shirley by Lori Weisenfeld – Pastel



BFFs by Lori Weisenfeld – Pastel

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Monmouth Arts for its support**



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