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<u>Aylsworth, Lynn Nelsen</u>

Lynn has been a member of the Hudson Valley Art Association since 1999 and has shown in many juried shows. She has won awards at the Salmagundi Club, American Artist's Professional League National Show, Catherine Lorilland Wolf Show for Women Artists sponsored by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Kent Art Association, the Ridgewood Art Institute, the Florence Griswold Museum, and the Newark Museum. Her work was featured in American Artist Magazine twice. Her work is in many private and corporate collections.

Baxter, Julie

Julie is a lifetime and award winning potter. Her teaching career has been with the Arlington County, Virginia, Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Resources. She taught all levels of wheel -throwing classes and workshops on surface decoration. She also taught children's hand building classes at Arlington County Elementary School. Julie was a member of Grey House Potters, Arlington, VA and the Kiln Club of Washington. Julie's undergraduate degree is in ceramics.

Beth Burgan brings experience of teaching art to gifted and talented (K-12) university students, and challenged adult populations. Her B.S. degree is in art education. She has an MFA, was a teaching assistant in sculpture at Kent State University. She worked in human services for 15 yrs. and owned a clinical massage therapy practice in Minneapolis for over 30 years. All the various career paths had one thing in common, to empower each individual to create and manifest positive self-awareness.

Cassidy, Marilyn

Marilyn has a B.A. in Sociology and an M.S. in Education. She taught in the Albany City Schools in New York State. She moved to Florida in 1990 and worked in Early Education in Sarasota. She has studied with several local and nationally known artists. Her goal is to share her collected knowledge with others who are honing their artistic skills; who want to have fun and discover a wonderful pastime.

Doty, Barbara

A self-taught professional watercolor pencil artist, teacher and author. I have dabbled in many different mediums over the years. Retirement has allowed me the opportunity to pursue my passion for art. The love that I have for the beautiful wildlife that we share on this planet, well it was only natural progression for me to paint animals as well as pet portraits. I have done shows as well as solo exhibitions and commission work in the Kansas City area. Being awarded "Best of Show" at the Buttonwood Art Space", was an honor for me. Recently moving to Sarasota, Florida to be closer to my family I am looking forward to painting teaching, and writing.

Espinosa, Josephina

Josephina studied at the Institut de Bellos Arts in Colombia, South America. She went on to teach both children and adults a wide range of media including drawing, painting, glass fusion, and stained glass. Her work is known throughout the world.

Farrell, Emilia

Emilia Farrell is currently an Englewood, FL, based artist and art instructor. She studied with V. Sangarov (Ukraine), Monique Johannet, Babrara Baum, Sue Miller (Cambridge AEC) and David Small, Mass College of Art (Boston, MA). The subject matter of her works: portraits, landscapes and still-life in the traditional/impressionistic style. She is fascinated by ideas and concepts of various time periods of art history and cross relationships between arts, science, as well as relevant to these periods' techniques and use of materials. She participated in New

England's art events, exhibits and is a member of the Oil Painters of America (OPA). She enjoyed teaching drawing and oil painting classes at the Newton Adult Education Center, Lexington, MA, as well as at the private students' studios. Her works are shown in Cambridge Art Association, Belmont Art Gallery of Art, New-

buryport, MA. Her landscapes and portraits were purchased by private collectors.

Golden, Sheila

Sheila Golden has worked in fine art for over 30 years, being included in a women's art calendar and exhibiting in New York City, San Francisco and Santa Fe, NM. Her watercolors are in Sarasota's Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy. She has a BA in Fine Art from Sonoma State University and has studied with noted artists Barbara Nechis, Robert Burridge and Wolf Kahn. With her art in private and corporate collections, she enjoys sharing the magic of watercolors.

Gordon, Beverly

Beverly Gordon (Professor Emeritus, Design Studies Department, University Wisconsin-Madison) is an artist, writer, and teacher who helps students explore both the material and inner-intuitive worlds. and find their own visual and symbolic language. Her unique style and body of work in collage and assemblage sculpture incorporates a wide range of textures, materials and natural objects. It has been featured in numerous solo exhibitions and group shows and is profiled in a compelling video: https://vimeo.com/686049263.

Heart, Nancy

Working in three dimensions has been Nancy's passion since high school. Her love of creating clay sculptures and teaching combine to make her "one happy camper." Her student's success and very busy classes support her enthusiasm and willingness to share her knowledge of sculpture techniques. After a successful 25-year career as a clinical social worker, working with children and adults, Nancy has found her niche continuing her art full time and teaching in Venice. "Life is Good!"

Hopkins, Nanette

Nanette Hopkins graduated from Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia with a Bachelor of Fine Art degree. She has lived in the Englewood area for 25 years where she creates her art and exhibits in Fine Art shows and local galleries. She has taught children and adults for the past 15 years. Her teaching experience includes: The Venice Art Center, Sarasota Arts Council, Ringling College of Art and Design, Boca Grande Island School, Out of Door Academy, Goldie Feldman School, Visual Artists Association, Sarasota County Public Schools and the Englewood Art Center.

Keck, Alan

Fifty years experience on potters wheel. Made a living for 10 years as production potter, Masters degree in Art Education. Taught all levels of ceramics and glassblowing at Emporia High School in Emporia, Kansas. Last ten years as Department Chair.

Kelly, Patricia

Pat has worked as a studio potter for over 35 years. She is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology in Graphic Arts with post-graduate study at the School for American Craftsmen, where she studied with potters Franz Wildenhaim and Jim Seacreast. Her work has sold in specialty shops, Dean and Delucca and Tiffany's of New York City. She has been featured in House and Garden, Home Beautiful and Country Living. Her work is in private collections in the U.S. and Japan.

Maria, Gary

Gary received his BFA from Kutztown University in Pennsylvania in 1976, then studied at the Art Students League of New York, SVA, and NYU. He first worked as a graphic designer in NYC at several book publishing houses. He then freelanced illustration for Dell Puzzle Magazines, Silhouette Romance, and Barbour Publishing, and also worked as a fine art print colorist at



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McElhinney, Laura

Laura received her Masters degree from California Institute of the Arts in 2002. She has worked as a Theatrical Lighting Designer, Scenics Designer, and Painter for the past 20 years. Laura has worked many amazing places around the globe, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the MOMA in New York, and international arts festivals in Singapore, United Kingdom, Brazil, Spain, France, Denmark, Belgium, and Korea. She loves to paint

McCullough, Heather

Heather McCullough is a watercolor, oil and acrylic artist from Venice, Florida who spends time each summer in the western United States. She is a retired physician who began her study of art at the Venice Art Center in the 1990's, and then continued for many years with Herbie Rose at his studio in Bradenton, FL, augmented with additional workshops, classes, and self study. She is an enthusiastic plein air painter of landscapes and figures. Her work has been exhibited at the Venice Art Center, Venice Theater, and in Florida Watercolor Society shows, Drigg's Plein Air and in Wyoming. Her work can also be viewed on her website, HeatherMcCulloughArtworks.com. She is a member of the Florida Watercolor Society and the Venice Art Center.

Meyer, Katrina

Katrina, from Toledo, Ohio, became fascinated with minerals, gemstones and jewelry after a career in Ohio and Maryland as a secondary and adult education teacher and administrator. In 1996, she studied wire-craft jewelry-making at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Georgia and in private sessions with internationally known master wire artists. She sells her award-winning designs at area art shows and has taught wire jewelry-making since 2001.

Nishihira, Robert

Robert was a full-time commercial photographer for 18 years in California and had clients such as Callaway Golf, IBM, and Qualcomm. He won a number of honors including CA Magazine's Award of Excellence and ASMP's Gold Award. Robert's work has been published in magazines such as Vogue and Town & Country. After retiring from commercial photography, Robert taught photography at the City College of San Francisco for 20 years.

Ponder, Haley

Haley Ponder is a 22 year old self taught artist born and raised right here in Venice,FL. Haley specializes in abstract acrylic painting but does not just stop there, she has also done custom paintings for homes nationwide. For reference, you can check out her Etsy page: www.etsy.com/shop/ PaintingsbyPonder

Palmer, Jeanne

Jeanne has been a fulltime potter for over 25 years; having owned and operated a pottery school and gallery near Buffalo, NY for 12 years. Her education includes: Bachelor of Arts/Ceramics from S.U.N.Y. at Fredonia, Post graduate Glaze Chemistry at S.U.N.Y. Alfred, Art & Education Graduate studies at University of Colorado at Boulder, and Studio Concentration at Penland School of Crafts, NC. Jeanne has shared enthusiasm for her craft having taught classes at many art centers and retreats. Palmer Pottery is well recognized in

Radomski, Michael

Michael Radomski has had an advertising career as an art director and photographer. Earned a BFA at Kutztown University and is classically trained in "wet" darkroom techniques. He now specializes in digital fine arts photography: Color, B&W and post processing applications. Photography is an adventure... "Look small, you'll discover a new way of seeing the subtle details of our natural world." His work has been shown in galleries, museums and is contained in private collections.

Smith, Frances

Frances Smith has been a freelance artist in Venice for over 40 years. She attended Boston Museum of Fine Arts School and Ringling College of Art, specializing in acrylic, watercolor and pastel - with extensive work in stained glass, calligraphy, and public art and wall murals - both indoors and out. Frances has taught both child and adult art classes and exhibited locally and nationally, winning numerous awards for her work.

Stramara, Joanne

Joanne's love for art has always been a part of her life while growing up in Pennsylvania. She studied art at Kutztown University, Wyomissing Institute and with many local and national art teachers. Art workshops to California, Arizona, France, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Florida, etc. "fueled the fire". Her favorite medium is watercolor and her love of experimentation has been rewarding.

Rose, Nancy

Having had art training since age eleven, Nancy is a professional award-winning artist, listed in "Who's Who in American Art." Rose has exhibited at New Britain Museum of American Art and is a juried member of Connecticut Watercolor Society and Women Contemporary Artists. As an individualized learning specialist who taught teens with disabilities, Nancy began taking this approach to the art classroom. A nurturing teacher with enthusiasm and optimism that is contagious, she encourages students to paint as unique individuals.

Tilson, Linda

Beginning with a BS in Textiles plus Education from Texas Tech, Linda has been a teacher, a commercial textiles and clothing designer and entrepreneur. For the past 20 years she has been a textile artist, creating one-of-a-kind garments and accessories which she sells at fine craft/fine art shows, including American Craft Council, Lincoln Center (NYC), and juried Florida exhibitions. Venice is her home and Linda enjoys sharing her passion for working with colors and designs on fabric.

Valladares, Rosa

Rosa Valladares was born in Lima Peru; where her passion for printmaking started. She studied at Tamarind Institute in New Mexico. And later on, was granted with a full scholarship to earn a Master degree in Fine Arts at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She has received others Art grants from various institutions. Rosa also participated in collective exhibitions all over the world. Her experience on teaching, reflects the enthusiasm she has to create and appreciate art.

Wilcox, Susan

Painting is one of the greatest joys of my life. I consistently use the gift that I have been given while striving to improve my technique and bring joy to others with my work. I studied in Buffalo, NY and earned a BS and MS in Art Education.

<u>Zebot, George</u>

George Zebot's work has taken him to over 80 countries. He served as an artist in Viet Nam and a Peace Corps Volunteer. He has taught at Chapman University, Saddleback College, Laguna College of Art and Design, University of the West Indies, and Pannasastra University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia and California State University, Long Beach. His biography has been listed in The New York Art Review, Who's Who in American Art and Contemporary Graphic Artists