# Artists bios

# Patrice Donnell



As an artist I work with sculpture, drawing, printmaking, ritual design, and three-dimensional installations. For me, creativity is like a dance between your imagination and the material you use. Your subject matter is the music you're dancing to, and if you listen deep enough, you may also hear God telling you the next step. When that happens, your own work can surprise you and become more than you ever imagined.

I love pieces that aren't static. The faces I sculpted for "The Prayers of Women" are all movable, so can be arranged in countless ways. I placed them here on a rough plank of wood, as if ascending from a cross.

"The Prayers of Women" Polymer Clay on Wood 48"H x 12"W x 4"D...

## Carole E. Gregory - Poet



Carole E. Gregory earned a B.A. in English from Youngstown University in 1968 and a M.A.E.T.S. (Masters in Education and Theological Studies from Union Theological Seminary and Teachers College, Columbia University in 1976). Her poetry a The Poetry of Black America. This writer is a wordsmith in New York City.

Poem: "Like The Lotus Flower"

### <u>Karen Harris</u>



Hello All -

If you have been following me on previous Marble Church shows I am Karen Harris, Visual Artist & Poete.

I'm happy to be sending a poem honoring 9 - 11 - 2001 - The "innocents" victims of the 9 - 11 - 2001 tragedy. It's important we remember them every year and take a stand to discourage this kind of tragedy from ever happening again.

So for September and 2023 I will be focusing more on my writing and poetry and new artworks later in 2023.

All the Best for everyone. You can contact me at Karenharris998@gmail.com

Yours Truly, Karen

## VICTORIA PEPE (PEPE LuminSonics)



Victoria Pepe is a life-long multimedia artist, composer and creator of artistic video and VR presentations. As a self-taught artist, with a wide range of skills and talents, she creates fine line complex, harmonious, geometric drawings, paintings, sculptures, photography; her videos often include her music. She works in both analogue and digital media. As a fine artist, Pepe's foundation for her images is her free hand unique style sacred geometric drawings and paintings. She is also adept using computer art programs. She lives and creates in Manhattan and is founder of LuminSonics Inc. Her music (known as Pepe LuminSonics) is in worldwide distribution.

Pepe's drawings, paintings, photos, animations and multimedia productions have been exhibited nationally, including shows in

New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia and California. Victoria has exhibited in venues and galleries such as The Ballet Shop and Gallery Lincoln Center; Metropolitan Opera Gift Shop; Long Island Arts Festival; The Audio-Video and Film Festival Gallery X; Gallery 49; Digital Bridges at the Westbeth Gallery Digital Arts Video Show; The Godseye Exhibit; Artexpo at the Javits Center; The Visionary Arts Festival at The Palace of Fine Arts San Francisco; The Arts Renewal Program and The Film/Video Showcase at the Marble Collegiate Arts Showcases. She also exhibited at The Atlantic City Art Center, New Jersey; The LGTripp Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.; The Marble Summer arts festival; The Marble Pop Up Art Exhibit and the Advent – the art

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of waiting" Marble Art Exhibit; exhibits on the Marble Wall of Healing; solo exhibit The Living Room Gallery with Midtown Arts Common and St. Peter's Church. She recently created the video presentation for Advent, and the very new VR "Christmas Spirit" and "We've Come this Far By Faith" and Lent art shows online for the Marble Arts Ministry. As an accomplished composer, she creates the music that accompanies many of her art/music videos. She also composed music for educational and documentary videos: The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The University of the Arts, Pa., The Philadelphia School, The McKinney Gallery, Pa. Victoria has professional experience in design, theater and media for: Vivian Beaumont Theater, Lincoln Center, scenic design; Metropolitan Opera Gift Shop, designed gifts at Lincoln Center; Westbury Music Fair, Long Island, props and properties; AIS (J. Walter Thompson) TV quality and content control. As a photographer she has exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art, Life of the City; Our Flag, Grace Gallery; and the Ritz Broadway Window Photo Exhibit, NYC. Victoria is a long- time grateful member of the Marble Arts Ministry and is creating the ongoing Virtual Reality Art gallery presentations.

Her sculptures have been shown at Roger LaPelle Galleries, Philadelphia. Pepe's art is also in and private studios and showcases.

Considered a truly multidisciplinary visionary artist, Pepe's lifelong spiritual quest forms a foundation for her artistic expressions and concepts. Concerning her art and music she states, "Creating connects me to something beyond myself. It is a meditation and a timeless place of profound peace and transcendence. I connect to a higher Source which creates through me. It is hoped that this transcendent transformative energy is conveyed to those who view and hear my work." In the Philadelphia City Paper art review of Pepe's virtual video painting on exhibit at the LG Tripp Gallery, Robin Rice writes that her video art is "a truly artful night light". Victoria hopes her creative expressions help spread the Light.

For the Marble Arts "Remembrance" Victoria presents her photo "Flags in the Columbus Day Parade After 9/11". Being in the midst of these flags was an amazing experience. It felt like being in a sea of these flags which expressed the patriotism, heroism, unity, remembrance that they represent. This photo is a timeless remembrance. It was our country united in a great and spirit filled way. It reminds us that it can happen... and happen in peace.

She also presents "Flags of 9/11: a Commemorative Tribute" which a short demo introduction to a proposed longer DVD presenting 1000-2000 photos of the flag displays after 9/11.

Contact and visit Victoria at: www.PepeLuminSonics.com

#### Susan Ceely Philips – photographer, poet



Susan Barbre Ceely Philips Susan - my given name from my mom and dad Barbre - my mom's family name Ceely - my dad's family name Philips - my chosen family name All together, it's the name for me.

I have been a speech therapist and teacher, a television advertising producer/production coordinator, a church member, and a seeker - not necessarily in that order. Now, I 'seek' to find and share all that has brought me to this point in my life. I offer a few of my thoughts, feelings, and observations through poetry in my photography and my writings. Thank you for pausing to 'listen'.

Poem and photographs:

"Untitled" "Abyss or Eternity?" "Callery Pear Tree – Our Survivor" "Loss in the Clouds"

#### Joan Silinsh - Photographer



Joan did not actively pursue photography until her retirement. By contrast, in her childhood in Mexico, her father, an educator, was an independent film producer documenting the country's culture and screening his films In the United States for ten years.

In her 35-year career with McGraw-Hill (now S&P Global), Joan held various management positions. Her last post was as Director of Advertising and Promotion for two magazines in the construction field - ENR (Engineering News-Record) and Design-Build.

As an avid traveler, photography has enabled Joan to capture

memories of the countries she has visited. Besides travel photos, she uses her camera to showcase the variety and beauty of flowers.

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Joan studied photography in courses offered by Greenwich House and the Senior Center at St. Peter's Church. She has exhibited her photographs at several Greenwich House art competitions, Su Casa Creative Center and Marble Collegiate. For a number of years she volunteered at Greenwich House's Center on the Square taking photos of events and outings.

Joan has produced numerous photo books documenting her travels, and she also uses her photos to design her own greeting cards.

Joan recently relocated to Sarasota, Florida, and is setting her sights on new photo opportunities. She recently exhibited her photographs at Bay Village's Inspirational Art gallery.

Photographs: "Remembrance" "Memorial Fountain" "Memorial Garden" "Rising Again"

### <u> Margery Westin – Photographer</u>



Ruben Correa of our local **FDNY Engine 74** perished in the South Tower on 9/11.. He was among the 343 members of the FDNY that died as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001.. The former Marine was married and had three daughters... The work and sacrifices of the FDNY, NYPD, EMT's & volunteers touched

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After 9/11 I remember seeing photos posted with the plea "Have you seen this person?"... The magnitude of the loss lead to downtown memorials like the one captured in this photo... People left candles, flowers, stuffed animals, mementos, flags.....many wrote their thoughts or memories on

large expanses of canvas... Always remembering... We will never forget...

Photographs: "Remembering" "Waiting"

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