

Wall of Hope, Inspiration and Healing Gallery
“Hot Fun in the Summertime!”
Through September 8, 2023

Artists bios

Diane M. Aramony - Artist



Diane is a self-taught painter and photographer. The visual effects of her work are suffused with brilliant, often startling hues, with strokes of colors that unfold slowly to reveal bits and pieces of what is recognizable but at the same time mysterious and spiritual. Like her painting, her photography is a celebration of life in all its complex beauty.

After her mother passed away in 2014, Diane began experimenting with mixed media painting, using dried flowers as her brushes. Her three-dimensional mixed media images are deeply personal. Through her use of paint with flowers and leaves, she creates a unique textured language, drawing inspiration from the colors and shapes of the flowers.

Diane’s work has also been shown in art shows at Worcester State University. She lives in New York City.

Photograph: “Painting the Town”

Nina Priya David – Photographer



Nina Priya David, formerly a choreographer with Radio City Music Hall Productions, National Dance Institute and freelance for special events and music videos. Currently a singer and director of Creative Clinics which provides holistic and creative services throughout the greater New York City area. Always an actor and photographer!

Photographs: “Ahhh, I Know How to Cool Off” “Summer on the West Side Highway”
“Summer in Westfleet” “Ahhh, Wind and Water”

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Patrice Donnell – Artist



I believe art can heal, lift, and bond us. In 2021 I was awarded a grant from the New York Foundation for the Arts for my "Tapestry of Hope" installation. Please visit my website to see my acclaimed animal sculptures, oil pastels and sacred installations. Thank you for supporting the arts! PatriceDonnell.com

"Two Elves in a Boot" Oil Pastel on Paper

"Best Friends" Watercolor on Acetate

"Peace in the Trees" Oil Pastel and Conte Crayon

Prints available

Carole 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 appears in the anthology *The Poetry of Black America*. This writer is a wordsmith in New York City.

Poem: "Poems Are An Ocean"

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Marie Malluk - Photographer



Somewhere along my way of growing up, I was gifted a Brownie camera. I have no idea who gave it to me, but it sparked my joy of taking pictures. My first outing with camera in hand was the 1964 World's Fair. Ever since then, a camera has been my traveling companion.

My photographic output as a youngster was minimal, as film, and developing it, was expensive. As I got older and began to travel, a camera was always with me. Rolls and rolls of film were my companions throughout my journeys. And then the long wait...what did I get, did it come out okay? Oh, the anticipation, and sometimes the great disappointment of not

having what I thought I had!

Nowadays, I have put my camera aside for the ease of using my phone, but I must admit, I miss the feel of holding a camera, the bracing of it for my shot, and the sweet sound of the shutter release. But convenience and practicality work better for me these days, and have me at the ready to capture that shot. All you have to do is open your eyes, and there is always a photograph right in front of you, just waiting to be discovered. My love for the written word inspired me to graduate with a BA degree in English Literature. I enjoy writing, and rhyming text is how I express myself best, in poetry and songs.

Photographs: “Just Peachy” “Marcia’s Garden, Santa Monica”
“Paddling Along the Rivers of America, Disneyland”

Rene Navarro – poet



Rene J. Navarro is an acupuncturist, herbalist, martial artist, teacher, healer, and alchemist. His poetry and essays have been published in the US, Europe and Asia. He has taught Taoist YangSheng/Nourishing Life regimen in four continents. He was a disciple of Grandmasters Lao Kim and Johnny Chiuten in Shaolin/Buddhist Kung-Fu. He is a senior student of Grandmaster Gin Soon Chu and a 6th generation practitioner of Classical Yang Family Tai chi chuan with

intensive training in the 108 movement solo fist form, Dao/Broadsword (2 sets),

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Jian/Straight sword (2 sets), Staff-Spear, Sansou (2-person sparring set), Push Hands and the Tai chi chuan Chang Chuan (the old form of Tai chi chuan). He is a senior instructor of the Universal Healing Tao under Grandmaster Mantak Chia certified to teach Microcosmic Orbit, Tai chi chi kung, Healing Love (Taoist sexology), Chi Nei Tsang internal organs massage, Fusion of the 5 Elements and Kan and Li (neidan/internal alchemy). His teachers include Jeffrey Yuen (Chinese medicine and classics), David Verdesi (Thunder Path), Kiiko Matsumoto (Japanese acupuncture), Yao Zhang (Chinese herbs), Johnny F. Chiuten, Guiling Tinga and Amante “Mat” Marinas (arnis de mano) and Vincent F. Chu and Chan Bun Te (Yang Family Tai chi chuan). He holds a Bachelor of Arts (MLQ University), a Law degree (University of the Philippines), a diploma in acupuncture and a certificate in Chinese herbalism (New England School of Acupuncture). He lives in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Pennsylvania, USA. For more information, please go to his website: www.renenavarro.org

-- “Rene is a magical, gentle and powerful being.” Comment from a student

Photographs: “Cypress Monk” “Cypress Sunrise”

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 waitress, a secretary, a receptionist, a television advertising producer/production coordinator, a speech therapist and teacher, a church member, a volunteer, and a seeker - not necessarily in that order.

Now, I ‘seek’ to find and to share some of what 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’.

Photographs: “Silver Slipper of a Summer Moon” “Lusty and Laden”
“Set a Spell, Take Your Shoes Off”

Poems: “An Insect in Action” “Backyard Ghosts” “Indian Rocks Beach” “Tides”

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Margery Westin – Photographer



As a teenager it was fun to experiment with an old camera of my Dad’s, creating double-exposure photos. Serving as the candid photographer for the yearbook in high school was also enjoyable.

Photography remained just a hobby until the age of thirty-seven, when I found out I had a 25% chance of losing my remaining 50% of hearing due to Meniere’s syndrome. With that scary possibility, I became intent on building my photography skills. During work vacations, I would take week-long classes with established professional photographers all over the country, creating images of pets, people or locations and studying composition, lighting, posing and marketing.

When my full-time merchandising position was moved to South Carolina in the late 1990’s, an SBA sponsored class on starting a small business was helpful. I joined the PPA (Professional Photographers of America) and attended monthly meetings of the WPPA (Westchester PPA). Marketing myself for 5 years as a portrait photographer, I specialized in Pets, Children and Families.

Now retired, my iPhone is my camera of choice, and my subject is whatever captures my eye. However, four-legged subjects will always be my favorite. mwestinpix@aol.com

Photographs: “Puddle Fun” “Perfect Pitch” “Friendly Quietude”
“Summer Soloist”

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