## **Visual Artists bios**

### Diane M. Aramony - painter



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: "High Flyers" 8 x 10

# Ron Becker - painter



The natural world is a canvas unequalled for drama and visual experiences that move our inner selves. Color and form found in nature inspires Ron to emphasize composition and the values of light and dark, to create movement and mood. As a realist, Ron uses color and variety of tones to create drama, inviting the viewer into the painting. Layering of color and highlighting nuances of texture are elements he strives to imbue in each piece. Exploring new techniques and ways to work with mediums, as well as expressing the nature of his heart

and soul, Ron focuses on environments that illicit a feeling of calm, serenity, beauty or the divine.

"Hidden Treasures" reminds us of the joys that await us by the ocean, that our God manifests in all of nature. Anyone who has had the opportunity to visit a beach has probably been drawn to search for the beautiful and unique treasures found in shells washed onto the shore. Maybe you took some home to remind you of the joy and beauty of the day - simple gifts from our creator.

"Sands of Time" is an example of the richness in color, texture and shadow, as the sun moves over the shore during the day. God's palette of beauty is all around us, if we take the time amidst our busy lives to stop and look.

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### <u>Terry Chamberlin - painter</u>



Born in Chicago, Illinois, Terry received a BFA in fine art from Barat College of the Sacred Heart, Lake Forest Illinois. She studied independently with Chicago "imagist" painter, Ed Paschke. She also studied in Rome Italy, where she created a series of works on black paper, called, "nocturnal images". Studies also included painting at School of Visual Arts and glass making at New York Experimental Glass Workshop.

She is an Art Therapist and studied at School of Visual Arts, New York. Terry has worked at Coler, a New York City Hospital on Roosevelt Island since 2003, as art and recreation therapist.

Her work has been exhibited in New York, Connecticut, Chicago and Ohio. For Glenmary Sisters she created art installations and a stained glass chapel in Cincinnati Ohio. This chapel won an honorable

mention in interior design magazine.

Her work reflects her interest in psychological connections and spirituality. "My images come from the 'other' images from dreams and mindful revelry of the spirit.

"Pink Infusion" Oil stick on paper 36 x 44

Kaleidoscope Finches Oil stick on paper 36 x 44

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#### **VICTORIA PEPE (PEPE Lum**inSonics)



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

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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 Godseve 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 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 this current Marble art show, "Summer Fun", Victoria presents her photo "Christmas Spirit...Summer in the Park". Walking in the park in NYC is a joy; and this scene captures a wonderful joyous spirit and can remind us of the joy felt at Christmas. The little green tree was so nicely shaped and looked like a Christmas tree, and the brightly colored flowers and bushes looked like happy gifts. And yes, the Spirit of Christmas is alive always. This photo can be made as requested. It can be printed in different sizes and in different ways; such as a fine art prints, gallery Plexiglas, canvas, metal etc.

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## Susan Barbre Ceely Philips - photographer



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 teacher and a speech-language pathologist, 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 the poetry

of my photography. Thank you for pausing a moment to look.

Photographs: "Fireworks!" "Summer's Sultry Ease" "The Bubble Vendor"

### 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.

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.

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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: "Music in the Park" "Restful Break" "Solitude"

## <u>Mario E. Sprouse – Photographer</u>



Known mostly for being a musical director, Mario also loves photography. As a teenager he developed and enlarged his own photographs and was even the photographer at his uncle's wedding! As a summer camp counselor, Mario taught photography to at-risk inner city youth. Combining both loves, in 1985 Mario became the music assistant of famed photographer Gordon Parks, with whom he worked for 20 years until his death in 2006.

Currently Mario is on the Board of Directors of the Gordon Parks Foundation and has shot hundreds of photos on his beloved Caribbean Island St. Maarten.

Photographs: "Caribbean Flowers by a Pool" "Invitation" "Rainbow Over Simpson Bay"

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



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: "Buckets of Fun" "Summer Sunset on the Hudson at 70<sup>th</sup> St." "We Love Our Lady Liberty"

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