

Wall of Hope, Inspiration and Healing Gallery
9/11 – Reverence and Peace
September 10 - 28, 2023

Artists bios

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: *Haiku and poetry*

Victoria Pepe—Pepe LuminSonics



Victoria Pepe is a lifelong multimedia artist living and creating in NYC. She is a composer, fine and digital artist, photographer and video artist. For this current art show: *9/11-- Reverence Peace 2023* at Marble, she created the online gallery presentation featuring photos from Marble artists; including three of her own. Right after the tragic events of 9/11 flags and displays in windows, on buildings etc. were exhibited all over NYC. She took photos of these displays and flags which honored those fallen, and expressed sympathy, and courage, reverence and more. 3

photos in the exhibit are part of the series.

The 3 photos are:

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 unity can happen... and happen in peace. *Bridal Shop Honoring 9/11* is a beautiful meaningful display of our Red White and Blue in the store window on Broadway, and the photo of the deeply meaningful *Bronze Kneeling Firefighter.. 911 Memorial Statue by Matthews International* was traveling on the streets of NYC during that time.

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For the video that follows, she presents 3 of the photos which have meaningful words. They were displayed in the windows in NYC right after 9/11. The video gives time for the viewer to read the words and absorb their deep meanings. This is also an introduction to a proposed book featuring many of the photos which contain words.

She has composed and performed the music for the 2 video shows... *Rhapsody Beyond Time* and *Natural Splendor Unfolding*. The complete pieces and more of Victoria's music can be found on streaming venues such as Spotify, Pandora, Amazon; or email Victoria at NewStar1234@gmail.com. She is known as Pepe LuminSonics (Lumin-Light: Sonics- Sound) For more information visit <https://linktr.ee/PepeLuminSonics>

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: *The Great 9/11 Boat Lift Memorial Parade*

We Sink and Then We Rise

Poems: *Sorrow and Joy* *Untitled #8* *Wait for Tomorrow*

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lisa roma / elektrikGoddess / Creative Women's Network / The Half Moon Theatre Company



lisa roma is a multi-creative woman, poet, photographer, singer, songwriter, graphic designer, visual artist, writer, editor, interfaith minister, and mom. Creative since early childhood, she won an art award and scholarship at age nine to attend The Brooklyn Museum Art School, which she attended thru age 18. Her ears were attuned to a variety of wonderful music since infancy by her father's diverse record collection. She received her first camera at age 7, a gift from her photographer father. She began composing on piano at 17, then self-taught on guitar from age 20, began her lifelong journey into songwriting, and an exploration into musical theatre, music performance and recording with various musical friends and situations. Lisa loves to sing—jazz, folk, harmony, pop, and is constantly inspired to create songs, musical prayers, stories and poetry. She is a published poet, artist, photographer, working on various projects: memoir,

poetry, children's books, novel and musical theatre. Lisa does professional editing and book design, assisting people in their publishing endeavors. Creative Women's Network is lisa's d/b/a home based design and literary services venture. She is a former educator as well as eldercaregiver. She is very much an ecopoet and songstress, weaving topics of nature, spirituality and matters of the heart into her creative works. She endeavors to write screenplays in the near future and build a publishing cooperative. Lisa is preparing her poetry and photography book, entitled *Emerging from Limbo / Haikuisized*, for publication soon.

ElektrikGoddess is lisa roma's musical aka, as well as concept band originally founded in 2004. In the early 1980s, lisa began to perform her songs with guitar at poetry readings in New York City. She took a hiatus to raise her son in the mid-1980s and returned to performing at open mics and various venues in the 1990s, solo with guitar and with fellow musician friends. She created the virtual theatre The Half Moon Theatre Company in 2008 while working with Rob Darnell. With Rob, they performed his funk operas, as well as their collaborative poetic musical story "Rustic Shadow on a Summer Tree". She performed the music of Laura Nyro and other artists, collaborating with Rob Darnell Hollinsed, arranger, choral director, founder of Poetic Notion Chorus and Poetic Notion Experience, as well as creating and hosting The Half Moon Artist Series, where we would invite additional local artists to perform, from December 2006 thru January 2012. Lisa has performed over the years in various Brooklyn and Manhattan venues, most notably University of The Streets with Poetic Notion, as well as Puppets Jazz Bar, BBQ's, and other local jazz clubs, cafes and dives. She is currently making a resurgence in live performing, which began with PorchStomp in June 2023, and will be singing jazz

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classics, originals and other surprises with seasoned talents at Mary O's in Manhattan's lower East side on the evening of Tuesday, November 7th, 2023.

www.soundcloud.com/electrikgoddess

www.reverbnation.com/lisaroma

www.creativewomensnetwork.com (soon to be updated)

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Haiku poetry: *Ode to Ground Zero*

Photo: *Daffodils: After Winter, Spring*

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.

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.

Photograph (online only): *Rising Again*

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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: *Blessing Those Lost* *Reflecting Absence* *Waiting*

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