



# ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHIES

## Summer 2018 Exhibit





## Amy M. Bash

Amy Bash is an award-winning landscape and nature photographer. She recently won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons at the Horticultural Society of South Jersey 2018 Spring Flower Show. An adventure traveler, wildlife and conservation advocate, she uses natural lighting and captures candid moments through her lens. Whether trekking the globe, hiking a National Park or snapping pics of her favorite subject – a rescued golden retriever named Sophie – she believes nature’s beauty reveals something different to each of us. Amy’s other great passion is volunteering her time and talents to help several local animal shelters.

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## Amy Wigman Bodofsky

I recently had an art show at the Cherry Hill library with my daughter Shari. We were written up in the Cherry Hill Sun in February. I have had pieces in Art Blooms, Cherry Hill, Center for the arts in Marlton, and the Markeim Arts Center.

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## Ann May Kelly

Ann May Kelly - Graduated from Moore College of Art and Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Show work in South Jersey. Facebook: annmaykelly

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## Don Fletcher

Don Fletcher, now 99 yrs. old, has been painting in watercolor and oils, guided by artist Carol Goberman and David Butler. A retired Presbyterian minister, he lives in Lions Gate CCRC in Voorhees, where he moved, with his wife, Martha, in 2007. Martha died three years ago.

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## Geoffrey Chalkley

Geoffrey Chalkley was born in 1957 and grew up in Croydon, England. He is a graduate of the Liverpool School of Architecture, completing his studies there in 1983. Since then Geoffrey has worked as an architect in London and Philadelphia. In 2002, renewing a life long interest in art, he attended a pastel drawing class. He has continued to study with Natalie who herself is a student of internationally renowned portrait artist Nelson Shanks. Geoffrey also attends classes at the Fleischer Art Memorial in Philadelphia concentrating there on still life painting under the teaching of Giovanni Casedei. Geoffrey's current goals in painting are to understand how the colors we see translate into paint on the canvas and how those colors combine to reveal otherwise inexpressible truths about the painting's subject. Visit Sustainable Voorhees website ([www.sustainablevoorhees.org](http://www.sustainablevoorhees.org)) for more details about this artwork and a listing of all of the participating artists. If you are interested in purchasing this work, contact Geoff directly at [gchalk16@gmail.com](mailto:gchalk16@gmail.com).





## Jack D. McGovern

Jack D. McGovern is a visual artist born and raised in South Jersey and has been creating art for as long as he can remember. Painting and print making are his primary forms of artistic expression. Jack has been working on presenting the human figure in motion or in static form to represent the passage of time and emotions.

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## Joan Wheeler

My passion for photography began in high school many years ago. I have worked for a newspaper, captured portraits of people and pets, photographed action sports, landscapes and worked with non-profits. I love everything about photography, from the planning, capture, post production and printing. I think what most excites me is showing the audience my view of the world through my photographs.

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## Joanne A. Lafferty

Have studied art at the Academy of Fine Arts, Sanski in Haddonfield, also with Phyllis Hewitt, currently at Markeim with Carol Goberman. Have done juried shows. Affiliation with ....the Center for the Arts, Cherry Hill Art League , PA Academy of fine Arts. Former chair ,Cherry Hill art League. Painting Sales, Juried Shows, Designer Homes, William Ris,Gallery, Jordan Smith Gallery, Ridge Valley Gallery, Critiques Stone Harbor, Designer Houses, Moorestown Garden Club, Zurbrugg Hospital,RNS Cancer Fund. Awards ...Womens Civic Club Stone Harbor. Art instructor, Art Depot/Merchantville. Gallery shows.... Markeim, Studio Gallery, Bauhaus Gallery.

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## John Cheatley

I am a south jersey, urban abstract artist who expresses on canvas my thoughts, colors, forms, designs, visions, ideas of something i have seen or wish to see. I begin with a blank canvas and my painting flows until completion.

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## Kim Clay

I began oil painting & acrylic painting over 30 years ago. I've painted a lot of seascapes and landscapes but my primary focus for the last three years has been pet portraits. I've found it's what I love to do!

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## Natalie La Torre-Sutherland

Natalie La Torre-Sutherland Natalie is the Voorhees business co-owner of Sutherland Framing & Fine Art. She attended Moore College of Art where she studied fine art, design and art history. She attended Rowan University for fiber arts and photography and earned dual degrees in education and fine art. Natalie also received a merit scholarship from Moore and was awarded an artist fellowship from the Barnes Foundation and Academy of Fine Art, where she was fortunate enough to study amongst world class paintings. Her artistic inspiration comes from observing the simplicity in design from nature, animals, architecture and her surroundings. Her passion for photography led her to a high school teaching position at Cherry Hill High School East, where she taught darkroom and digital photography, the art of film, mixed media, pottery wheel and 3-D art. She also offers professional interior design consultation and was formerly an Ethan Allen design consultant. She offers her expertise in photo restoration as part of her business services. Natalie proudly serves her community as a member of the Gibbsboro Environmental Commission, the Gibbsboro community garden and the Gibbsboro & Voorhees Green teams and Arts committees. Natalie has been instrumental in developing sustainable practices and recently developed, took action and wrote a grant proposal for her town's community garden in Gibbsboro that received a \$10,000.00 community garden grant. Her gallery and framing business services include: specialty custom framing, original and fine art editions, custom mirrors, design consultation, artisan jewelry and photo restoration. You can connect with Natalie and her business at: [www.sutherlandframing.com](http://www.sutherlandframing.com) or her Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/sutherlandframing>.

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## Pat E. Fitzgerald

Pat E. Fitzgerald's artwork has been on exhibit in the National Arts Program at various locations in Camden County. In addition, many of her photographs have been on display at the Markeim Arts Center in Haddonfield. One of her passions, as reflected in her photographs, is to show close up images of flowers and other natural wonders. She also captured many well-loved attractions on the boardwalk at the Jersey Shore in her photographs.

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## Patty Kennedy

Acrylic paintings on canvas, wood and tile and photography, repurposing items.

Especially love painting pictures and taking pictures of the beach and shores.

Re-Discovered my love for art in 2007. Art-Major Cherokee High School. Miss Clark. My favorite and inspirational Artist is Claude Monet.

I am looking forward to retiring from the personal lines insurance industry in the near future to devote the rest of my life to my love of the arts and creating more artwork.

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## Paul Schlitsey

Drawing was always a fun thing to do. Back in the 50's & 60's I tried to copy Prince Valiant, Steve Canyon and Abbie & Slats from the Sunday comics. In the 60's & 70's magazines still carried cartoons. For a while I drew & sold cartoons, got paid peanuts but there was nothing on television worth watching. Then life came along and I gave up painting until I retired 6 years ago. I am self taught, owing any success I have had to Andrew Loomis **FIGURE DRAWING FOR ALL IT IS WORTH** and **ALLA PRIMA II** by Richard Schmid. Before moving to Magnolia we lived by the shore in Monmouth Co. where I was a member of The Guild of Creative Arts in Shrewsbury. The beach and ocean play a large part in my art with family & friends being my models. Any day I get to draw and paint is a good day. Visit Sustainable Voorhees website ([www.sustainablevoorhees.org](http://www.sustainablevoorhees.org)) for more details about this artwork and a listing of all of the participating artists. If you are interested in purchasing this work, contact Paul directly [wikrman@comcast.net](mailto:wikrman@comcast.net) .





## Polly Katz

Originally from Brooklyn, is a graduate of the prestigious Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC, where she studied Advertising Design and Fashion Illustration. Currently, she enjoys creating art at the Center for the Arts in Southern NJ, where she also serves as a board member.

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## Rita Karpo

Rita is a certified art teacher, focusing on painting and drawing and has worked with Cherry Hill School system in the after school art program. Mabel Kay Senior Center in Haddonfield, displaying work in various places. Previously she was a private art teacher. Rita is a member of the She has currently shown her work at Expressit in Haddon Twp as the artist of the month. Artist of the Month" June-July, 2017 "First Place" award in watercolor at the Camden Cty. Sr. Juried exhibition. Automatically placed in NJ State Juried Exhibition.. to be announced. Work displayed at Starting Point, spiritual center in Haddon Twp. Current Art Show at (Bancroft) "Flicker" House in Voorhees.

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## Suzy Sherbine

I aim to deliver a message of sustainability through my art, which utilizes items found on the ground, frequently from Camden such as tires, pieces of rusted metal, bottles. I was inspired more than 8 years ago by the film Poet of Poverty ,told through the letters of Michael Doyle, an Irish priest who came to Camden more than 40 years ago. I have since expanded my art by using pieces I have found on the ground here in the suburbs. Pieces that didn't even make it into the trash. They come to life as whimsical pieces with a turn of the century flare, each with a card describing what they're made of. I call them ArtofFACTS "Trash Transformed to Teach" I have exhibited in Collingwood, Rutgers in Camden, Camden Environmental Center, Sustainable Cherry Hill Earth Festival. I seek venues that appreciate sustainability.

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## Toby Weitzman

Alcohol ink is my newest medium. They are brilliant inks that allow ever moving and constant glide of color, producing a unique and mysterious flow of unconventional beauty, unlike any other medium. No two pieces are alike. While abstract, often you will see landscapes, flowers, and how natural light effects contrast and shadows. While painting has always been a part of my life, my catering company allows me to design events and food art. [tobyweitzman.com](http://tobyweitzman.com)

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## Ylvia Asal of Anatolia

Handcrafted lace work is a century old technique. The skills required to master this art have been handed down from generation to generation. Artist, designer and creator Via arrived in the United States nearly a decade ago and began creating one-of-a-kind pieces of wearable art in this age old tradition. She has modernized the look but stayed true to the techniques she perfected on her own. She also honed her skills at design and technical schools. The result is a beautiful collection celebrating this unique fusion.

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