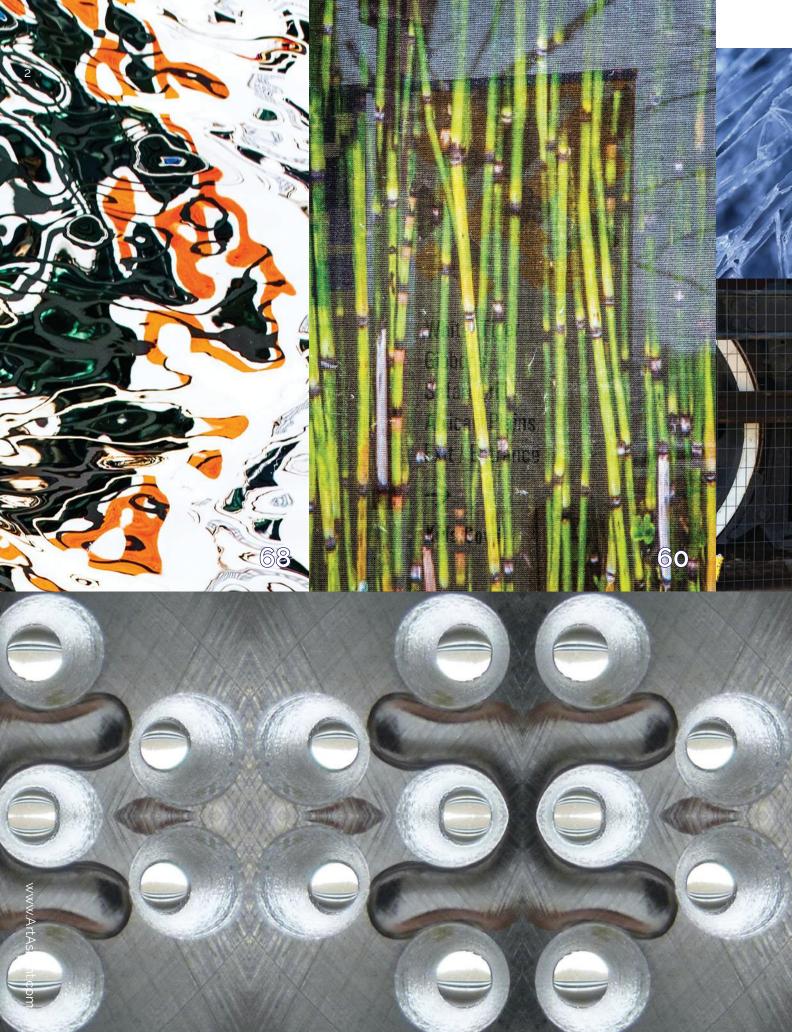
International Artists and Writers • Retracing Life in My Home Studio • Artworks in Series

ArtAscent

Art & Literature Journal 20 October 2016







Contents

6 FOREWORD

8 FEATURE

Patterns

Outstanding artists and writers of this ArtAscent's themed art call.

94 STUDIO SPOTLIGHT

Retracing life in my home studio

Catch a glimpse of the space in which creativity is born in this artist studio tour.

96 ART INVESTOR TIPS

Artworks in series

Discover educational and interesting facts about art culture, investing, collecting, evaluation, events and more here in our Art Investors Tips column and online art blog.

98 ARTIST INTERVIEW

J Howard

Become acquainted with perhaps a few unknown dimensions – thoughts, ambitions, wisdoms, life changing moments – of this inspirational artist.

Get the latest ArtAscent news.

Sign up for the ArtAscent email newsletter to receive notice of upcoming issue themes, selected artists and writers, issue releases, and more.

Sign up at www.ArtAscent.com



Showcasing outstanding artists and writers from around the world



Production

Design by the ArtAscent team

Contributing Writers and Editors

Oleksandra Osadcha, Rachel Cohen, LCAT, ATR-BC, Dr. Alan McNairn, Roopa Dudley

Advertising

Promote your business to people who invest in art and join us in advancing the careers of artists. View advertising packages at www.ArtAscent.com/advertising-services.

Be an ArtAscent Contributing Writer

To contribute contemporary, historical, international, regional, cultural or other articles or regular columns of interest to art collectors, buyers and lovers, submit your Art Investor Tips article at www.ArtAscent.com/article-submissions.

Purchase Issues

To purchase issues, visit www.ArtAscent.com.

Purchase Art and Writing

Art images and written article contributions and call submissions are warranted by the submitter as their intellectual property. Prices shown are in Canadian dollars and may change at any time. Contact artists and writers directly regarding their submissions, to hire them and to purchase their work. ArtAscent would love to hear if you made a purchase after seeing an artist's or writer's work here.

ArtAscent Art & Literature Journal is published six times a year by Skybase Publishing Inc. Artistic, editorial and advertising submissions will be accepted at the discretion of ArtAscent. All submissions are subject to editing. No warranties of any kind, specific or implied, are provided concerning the accuracy or timeliness of any published materials. ArtAscent has undertaken no independent verification, with respect to infringement of copyright law, to ensure the originality of artwork that appears in editorial or advertisement. Omissions or errors will be compensated only by possible discounting of a future ad at publisher's discretion.

Copyright ©2016 Skybase Publishing Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction in any form is prohibited without permission from the publisher.

info@ArtAscent.com www.ArtAscent.com

Foreword and Artist Profiles

Oleksandra Osadcha is a freelance art historian and art critic living in Kharkiv, Ukraine. She earned her Master of Art degree in art history at Kharkiv State Academy of Design and Arts, where she is also currently researching her doctoral thesis. An active curator of art exhibitions in her hometown, Oleksandra is interested in the issues concerning visual representation of sacred motifs in contemporary art.



On The Front Cover Part of the Wall by Joanna Madloch



On The Back Cover 1 Long 2 Short by Eric Field



t

www.facebook.com/ArtAscent www.twitter.com/ArtAscent



www.pinterest.com/ArtAscentMag

Advertise with us and promote your business, gallery, publication or event.

Reach art buyers, writers and artists, online and/or in print.

View advertising packages: www.ArtAscent.com/advertising-services



Showcasing outstanding artists and writers from around the world

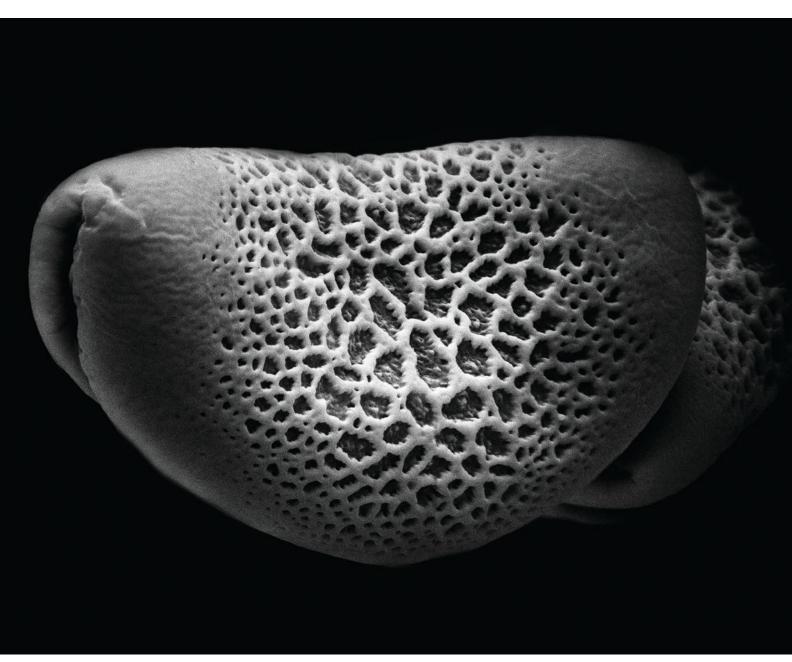




Robert Dash www.robertdashphotography.com



Camas Lilly Pollen
Photography, matte included | 16 x 20" | \$500



ave you ever thought about the reason of the poetry's popularity? It's all about patterns – rhyme schemes, and alternation of syllables that create specific harmonious rhythm that hypnotizes us and can even overshadow the content itself. Patterns in photography have the same magic power and artists like Robert Dash know how to use it.

Historical upheavals (fight against totalitarian systems, two world wars) and technical progress (mass media development, computerization) of the 20th century have completely changed the global social and cultural system; the traditional vertical hierarchical system was replaced by a system based on root-like, horizontal links. To define this type of system, Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari introduced the term *rhizome* in 1976. Rhizome is the alternative to centric and static linear structures. From the aesthetical point of view, the latter tends to create clichés, whilst the rhizome avoids copying the reality, focusing on mapping and creating connections between all its parts instead. The universe functions according to the mentioned principles and Robert aspires to represent them in his photographic pieces.

Having a B.A. degree in Environmental Studies, Robert has particular interest in researching natural regularities. He pursues to capture their manifestations in textures and patterns of various biological forms. Featured images are pieces from two bodies of work – *Micro* and *Show me the Carbon*. For them, the artist has made macro photography of a dragonfly wing, sand, madrona bark, and marine algae, and scanning electron micrographs of pollen, flower stomata, grass seed, and a flower's pistil.

It's amazing, how rationality of digital technologies serves the photographer in glorifying poetical beauty of life. Robert's style reminds of the oeuvre of Karl Blossfeldt – a prominent German photographer of the early 20th century: when looking at the pieces of both,

it seems you see not an organic life, but architectural constructions. Eloquence of natural textures, enhanced by the ascetic black and white colouring, brings them to the level of sculpture.

Panoramic macro shots are defined by sensuality, illusory haptic character, and dynamic compositions that make them similar to baroque art with its accent on painterly qualities of the surface. Robert's creative method shows a new solution of the long-lasting contradiction between artistic and documentary photography; without borrowing from art, his pieces "plant" art within themselves, giving insight into the reality under unconventional angle.

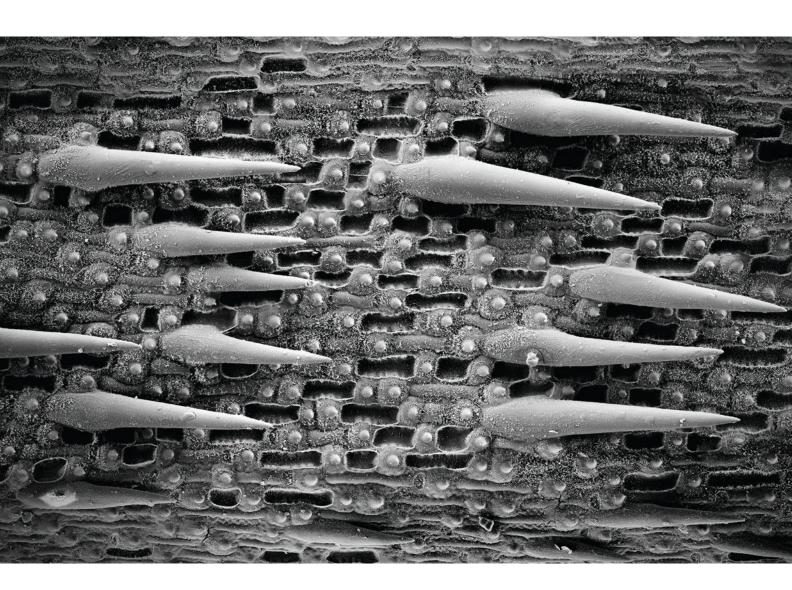
Robert Dash is an American photographer and educator who has been working in the field of visual arts for many years. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from the Evergreen State College in 1980 and graduated with a Master of Arts in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College in 1991. His photographs were featured in galleries and juried shows around the country, and in publications such as *National Geographic*, *TIME*, *The Week*, and the curated website *Lensculture*. Apart from the numerous private collections, his works are owned by the International Cultural Center, Texas Tech University, and Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. At the moment the artist is working on the photography and poetry of *An Acre Shy of Eternity, Ecology and Metaphor on One Seaside Cliff*.





Robert Dash

Grass Seed
Photography, matte included | 16 x 20" | \$500





Robert Dash

Dragonfly Wing
Photography, matte included | 16 x 20" | \$500





riting about poetry is challenging since its deepest parts can't be grasped rationally. To find the key to the text, one has to involve all his senses, emotions, and life experiences. Such is the case with this poetic piece by Diyana Sastrawati Mohamad we're pleased to present you.

Intensive globalization provoked a totally opposite reaction in arts, as more and more creators refer to local history, traditions, and issues in their projects. Literary work of Diyana is influenced by the author's attempts to explore the interaction between borderless spaces of contemporaneity and national/cultural identity of a person. She wittily compares herself with an anthropologist or an ethnographer, intertwining some life-observations into the poetic form.

The featured poetry called A Scene in a Rembau Kampong (Kampong means village in Malay, the author's native language) is written in the pantun berkait – it's a Malay verse form that contains a woven verse pattern. Apart from specific rhythmic structure, pantun is defined as retaining a certain metaphor, echoes throughout the piece, like a Malay proverb that enriches Diyana's text. The repetition of the phrase creates the unhurried, contemplative atmosphere, which perfectly matches the rural scene described in the poem. It was inspired by the visit to the childhood home of the author's father - Rembau, Negri Sembilan. She tried to capture the flavour of the moment, its rhythm and the way it's reflected in the behaviour and language of its people through the insignificant details, gently fused with a larger scenery. Empathy and spiritual merge with the place, filling the words with particular warmth and sincerity.

Diyana masterfully uses that delicate correlation between rhythm and pattern. Pattern is the rhythm of a space, rhythm is a pattern involving time. Both of them are just two sides of one category that can be called order. And when a text is run through the "filter" of this rhythmic/pattern order, it allows sublimity and enigma to get into our profane world without masking.

Before letting you dive into Diyana's text, I'd like to quote here the author's deeply personal and touching message to the readers that shows her strong commitment with her roots and belief in the art's possibility to change the world: "I only wish people to read the poem compassionately and take a brief moment to understand that this is the language and form I hope to rehabilitate."

Diyana Sastrawati Mohamad is a Singapore-based writer, whose works have been published by Fixi Novo, Gone Lawn, Moving Worlds, and Junoesq. She holds a Bachelor of Arts with honours degree in Sociology, with a minor in Creative Writing from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Diyana has editorial experience working as a co-editor for Junoesq Literary Journal in the past. Currently, she is a research assistant and a volunteer at Beyond Social Services, a Singapore-based non-profit organization. The featured piece was first published in Imagine Water: An Archipelago of Mini-Essays on Water as Geography, Resource and Metaphor edited by Shirley Chew.



Diyana Sastrawati Mohamad

www.diyana.bandcamp.com

A Scene in a Rembau Kampong

Above the mountain's scaffold, the sun peeks.

Morning like other mornings, dew and sweat.

Shower by the well, to the song of prayers.

The frog leaps in and swims, the way he does.

Morning like other mornings, dew and sweat.

A serendipity, how creatures greet.

The frog leaps in and swims, the way he does.

Koncek baranang co itu inyo.¹

A serendipity, how creatures greet.

Son, with toast and hot teh, on the straw mat.

Koncek baranang co itu inyo.²

He gathers wood and rakes the leaves. He hums.

Son, with toast and hot teh, on the straw mat.

The filial son who pays a visit.

He gathers wood and rakes the leaves. He hums.

A splash of water, the well bucket sways.

The filial son who pays a visit.

Shower by the well, to the song of prayers.

A splash of water, the well bucket sways.

Above the mountains scaffold, the sun peeks.

Monica Tiulescu

www.monica-tiulescu.com



Species 0060



n a contemporary world, where everything goes online, virtuality invades all spheres of our existence, particularly affecting communication between public and of art. Digital art loses its uniqueness, becoming a net of the interrelated visual hypertexts. The latter can be felt as an alternative environment, explored by such artists like Monica Tiulescu.

Virtual space is largely based on replicating of its own elements and eternal partition on the uniform elements. The same way, self-similarity is an essential feature of nature, based on fractal pattern: from this point of view, birth of a new galaxy and birth of a new life are one and the same. It wasn't until the 1970s that the fractal theory became wide-spread due to the research of a mathematician, Benoit Mandelbrot. However, the fractal organization of the Universe had been described long ago in some Buddhists' texts that claimed nothing exists separately: all qualities of one object arise from the qualities of the others, and their relations define the qualities of the whole system. This idea inspired Monica to create her *Species* work.

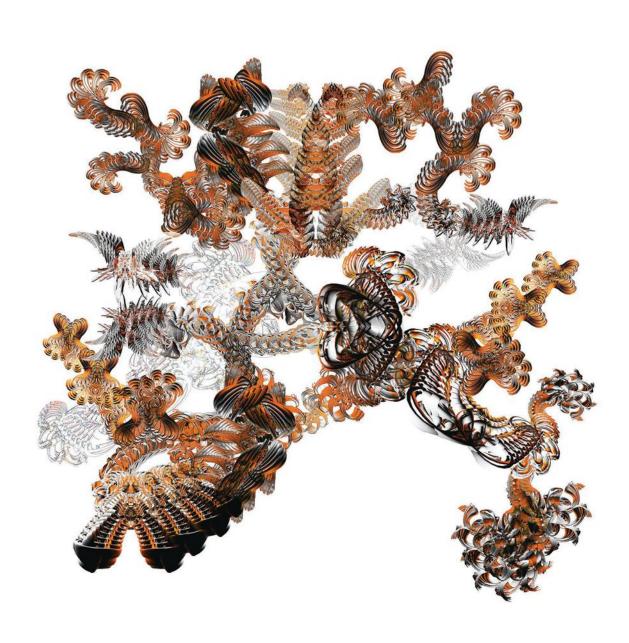
Holding a degree in architecture, Monica has a special eye for structure of the surrounding and skills for seeing objects in their wholeness. The artist has challenged herself with showing evolutionary dynamics through static image, as she refers to the theme of biological growth. Species is a series of digital images, produced with the help of 3D animation software. All of them are genetically related with each other, as, according to Tiulescu's words, everything starts with "one spatial component that is then parametrically multiplied and aggregated." The resultant architectonic compositions are transformed at the local level, gradually spreading the changes on the whole complex, and printed on metal panels, canvas, and archival photo paper afterwards.

One should not be deceived by the seeming fluidity and fortuitousness, even chaotic character of Monica's images; there is a solid analytical background behind each of them. Such attitude evokes association with the legacy of an outstanding Russian vanguard painter, Pavel Filonov. He treated painting like a living organism that develops atom by atom; his compositions are built of small geometric pieces, painted in pure spectral colours, so the whole picture resembles a crystal. The artist wrote on his creative method: "I know, analyze, see, and intuit that any object has not just two predicates, form, and colour, but a whole world of invisible phenomenon, their emanations, inclusions, genesis, and existence." The same way, Tiulescu's works prove, if in the past artists, architects, and designers copied natural forms, now nature itself supplies them with new methods and technologies, giving us a chance not just to see any object but also to understand it through understanding its pattern.

Monica Tiulescu is an Oakland based digital artist. She received her Bachelor of Architecture from the Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture at The Cooper Union and Master of Science degree in Advanced Architectural Design from Columbia University. She has been a teacher of architecture and design educator for the past 16 years. Monica's paintings and digital work have been exhibited in the San Francisco Bay area extensively in 2015-2016.

Monica Tiulescu

Species 0020

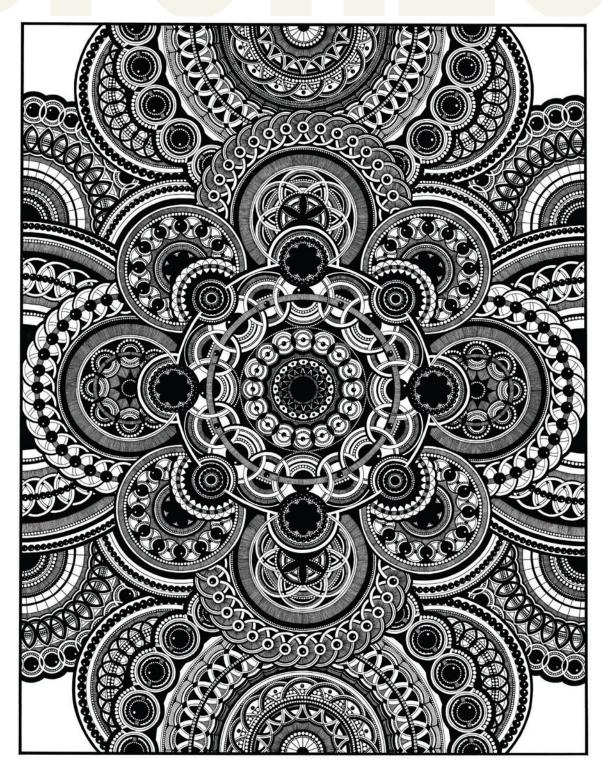




Jessica M Springman www.creativehotlist.com/portfolios/i/details/group1/220980



Revelation Pen and ink | 40 x 32" | \$8,500



umanity has a constant need to reflect its knowledge in various art forms. Ornament as a particular artistic type of pattern has been a mediator of cosmological and mythological notions throughout all the epochs. In her intricate pieces, Jessica M Springman proves pattern hasn't lost its power even in a contemporary hypervisual epoch.

Stereotypically ornament has been treated like a pure decoration without any philosophical depth. However, Jessica puts all her effort to shatter that myth by creating hypnotizing and profound ornamental compositions. Each of them correlates with the author's philosophy expressed in the following quote from her artistic statement, "Nothing 'wild' is random, and everything 'natural' is ordered." How does ornament help her to embody this statement in her works? For figuring that out, we need to have an insight into the connection between ornament and abstract art.

Cognition is primly based on observation of the world, direct contact with it. We get some physical sensations transmitted to our brain. At this stage, information is transformed, cleared of odd details, and shaped into abstractions, which are, roughly speaking, the synthesized patterns of this or that phenomenon. That is why the art of ornament, which might seem shallow in comparison to the realistic art, shouldn't be underestimated. An Austrian art historian of the 19th century, Alois Riegl, claimed ornament to be the brighter embodiment of human artistic skills than fine art itself. The art begins where human puts the border between himself and the outer world. Thus, it is the distance from the reality that turns a thing into an art object.

As one can see, ornament has the highest possible degree of conditionality, enabling us to see the order in the apparently chaotic nature. This inspired Springman

to develop her own style, described often as *Vennism* – "breaking apart multivariate reality into constituent and relational elements as separated and nested 2D representations." As in case with all patterns, you can perceive the whole by looking at its parts, which are self-sufficient.

Jessica desires to organize an artistic territory liberated from the author's dictatorship. This concept is realized from the very first stages of creation, as, having the finished image in her mind, Jessica rarely makes preliminary sketches and starts drawing with a ruler, compass, pencil, and pen – all at one time. To give birth to a piece that allows the viewer to experience the freedom of perspective, she follows the route of great artists like William Morris, who used to say, "The mission of art is to represent nature not to imitate her."

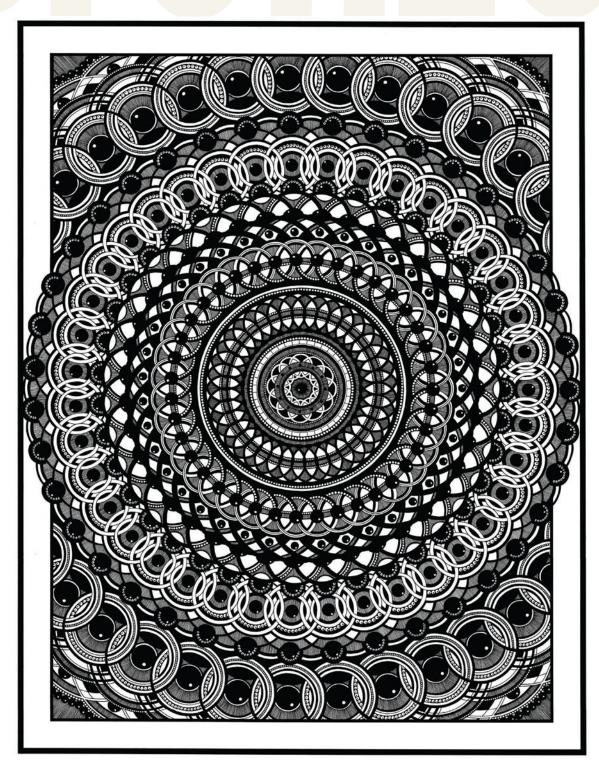
Jessica M Springman is an illustrator and graphic designer from Noblesville (Indiana). Drawing was her passion since the age of seven. In 1998, she graduated with a double major in Communications and Art from Westminster College of Salt Lake City, Utah. Her first professional fine art exhibition took place in June 2013. After that, Jessica's works were on display at 40 group and 5 solo shows. In 2015, the artist participated in Stutz Studio Residency Program. She is a member of the Graphic Artists Guild, and the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA).

By Oleksandra Osadcha

Jessica M Springman

Pristina Pen and ink | 40 x 32" | \$8,500

RIGHT PAGE: Circularity Pen and ink | 40 x 32" | \$8,500





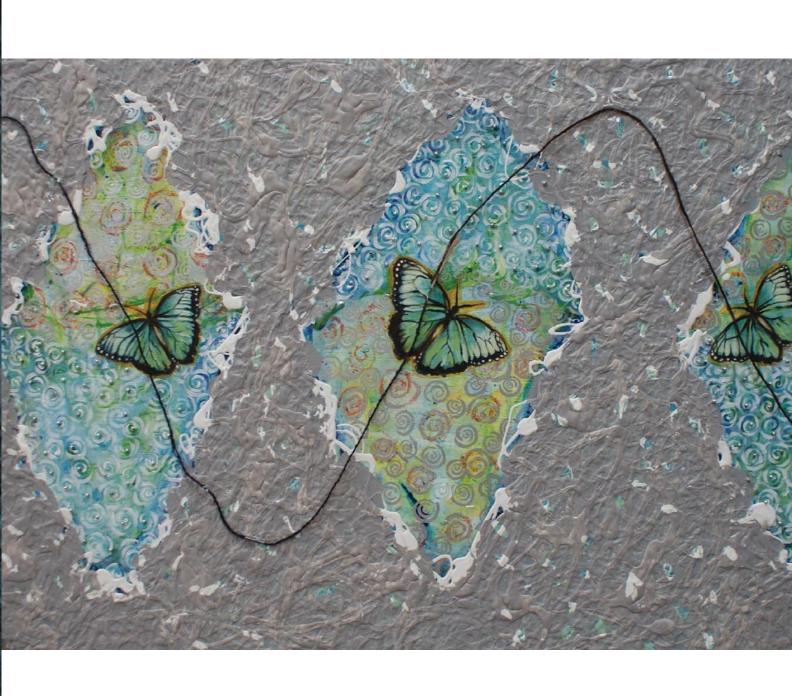
Diane Crompton www.dianecrompton.com



Synergy Acrylic on canvas | 30 x 30 x 1.6" | \$1,500



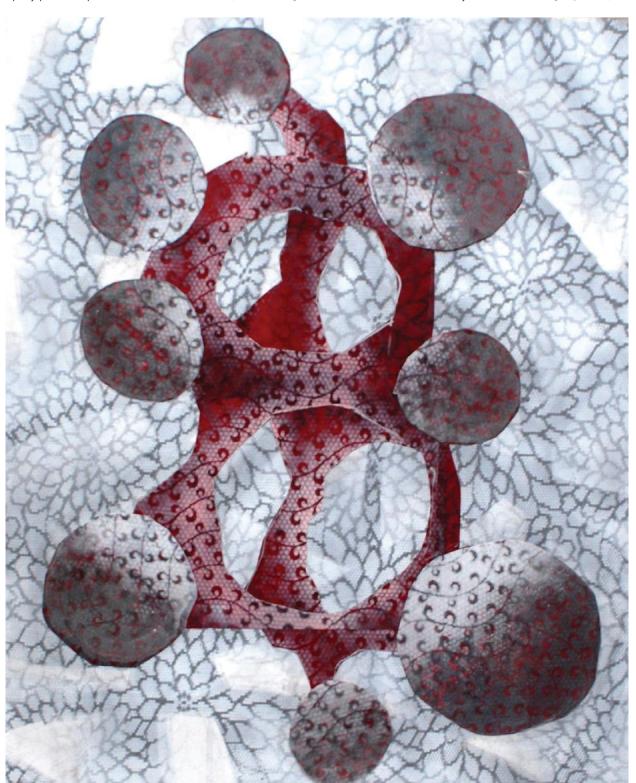
 $\label{eq:Butterfly Effect} \mbox{Butterfly Effect}$ Acrylic on board | 23 \times 30 \times 0.18" | \$1,500



Diane Crompton

Molecular Spray paint on plastic and canvas | 18 x 24 x 0.6" | \$650

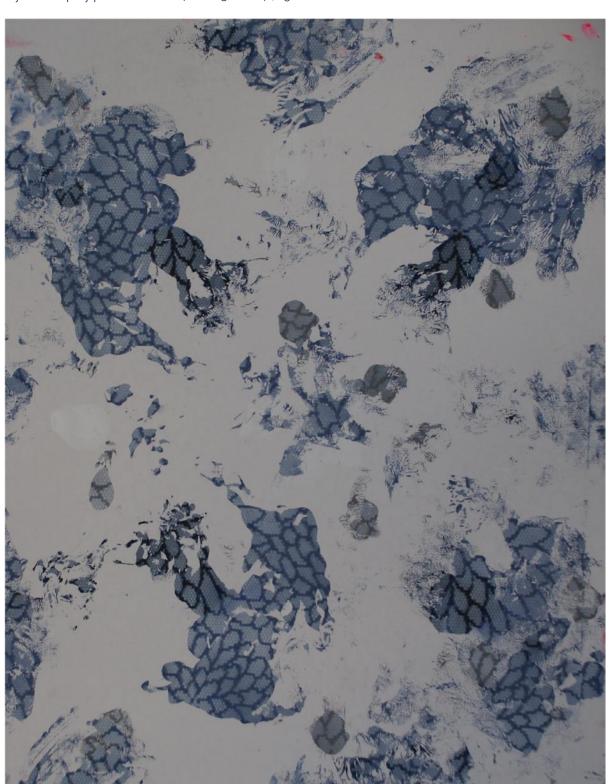
 $\label{eq:Cadence}$ Buttons and acrylic on canvas | 15 x 30 x 1.4" | \$650





Diane Crompton

Entanglement Acrylic and spray paint on canvas | 20 x 23 x 0.6" | \$650



**ArtAscent



Madhushala Senaratne

www.rethinkingnarratives.wordpress.com

The Patterned Lotus Lace

The lace cloth I bring her is already patterned, with white lotuses, petals and buds, and roots

But I'm told it is too plain for a bride – this piece of lotus lace,
That it needs to be more exquisite. I retort, this shows more grace.
But a bride must stand out from among the bevy of beautiful maids.
Her jewels must sparkle, her skin must glow; the pattern of the day.

But I'll like a pattern that's modest,
Something I treasure
and pass down generations,
so it can be something old or borrowed.

ask her to pattern it with pearls white, offwhite.

She makes the prettiest design I've seen, picking up each tiny piece of pearl with care, holding them tenderly. I watch her hands, so lean, from years of worry over her children's welfare, she pastes each pearl on the lace. And, as the sun sets her eyes are weary, but she heads into the kitchen, makes dinner for the night, everyone's already home.

this, for her, is tradition, of a wife's, a mother's, alone.

ets I watch her pattern.

n, With patience. Without complaint.

The pearls glisten. She says,

"Just one more pattern to the day.

I'll add some lace to the veil.

And some pearls."

On the day, before the string quartet plays, and before my father gives me away, I stand in my lotus lace, exquisitely patterned; a labour of my mother's love.

As I watch her, graceful as she see is, having clipped my veil into my sprayed hair, her eyes glisten through the mascara.

Tonight I'll tell my friends that it was she who gave life to this piece of lotus lace.

Tonight I'll tell my friends that it was she who gave life to this piece of lotus lace, and down the line, I'll tell my daughters too.

She, the sturdy root on which the lotus grows, the root that's freckled and buried in mud, the root that resists the rowdy human touch, nurtures and protects the innocent lotus bud so it blooms and stands tall above the ground.

I, once the lotus bud, will now take up her role, elsewhere, taking with me the patterns of life she's taught me; patterns of intelligence, love, and care;

tradition, beauty, and grace; wrapped in my patterned lotus lace.

Stacey Kinder www.staceykinder.com



Flower Compost 2
Acrylic on wood panel | 33 x 18 x 1" | \$500



Flower Compost 1 Acrylic on wood panel | 20 x 16 x 2" | \$400



Bieke Stengos www.bieke.stengos.cammaert.eu



The Best Woman

On the dance floor:

The bride and groom lead a string of dancers to feverish bouzoukis. And a tearstained voice sends a plaintive song into the settling dark.

Tonight we smoke and drink, my friend. Tonight we lose ourselves in the fumes.

Amongst the guests:

like a goddess of old and says, "I'll have that Marlboro now, darling," fingers stirring the hairs on his wrist. She here to be best woman, *koumbara*. He an army buddy of the bride's father

She glides down to him

The stakes:

He is the bookish type,
awkward around women but
owning a boat.
His wife was beautiful the way
first wives always are.
His second wife left him.
She knows that and she also knows
everything about him
hides the need for love

The goods:

Everything about her looks perfect.
Chiselled locks, pert nose
in a proud face.
And she looks good
in a white bikini.
Hair the perfect
shade of blond
blowing in the wind.
Free and flowing
not styled as it is for the wedding.

After he lights her cigarette:

She blows a blue cloud of smoke toward the lavender sky.
He takes a deep breath and watches her walk away.
Her tiny waist, the shimmering fabric of her dress.
The sway of her buttocks

fill his field of vision.

On the dance floor:

The groom disappearing under an avalanche of white skirt retrieving the garter belt.

To the sound of wild clapping, prepubescent girls clasp hands to cherry lips and burning cheeks until the groom emerges triumphant.

They run to help the bride put herself together again.

Meanwhile:

The koumbara alone at the bride's table has seen enough loneliness at the end of a cigarette so she takes a cigarillo from a slender package, positions it between patient fingers, and looks at him, who still sits alone at his table. She sees the bottle of scotch

Behind him:

A large August moon rises from the velvet horizon and paints a shimmering cloth on oily water.

he just bought.

The move:

He pours two drinks, walks toward her, ice like chimes against the glass. He takes her smoke, places it between his lips, lights it with his cigarette.

Their fingers brush. His blood is stirred in places that haven't been touched for a while.

Now:

He reaches for her hand, walks her towards the dance floor, drops her hand when mournful Rebetica music takes him on a solo journey. She drops to one knee claps her hands, encourages him to let the music oil his joints.

Clinching the deal:

He kicks up his legs. He slaps his shoe with one hand, whiskey in the other, cigarette between his lips, ash growing longer. Golden liquid splashes her dress.

Down below:

Dark water licking the pebbled shore.

Up here:

The scent of jasmine taking over.

Then:

He looks at her. She throws back her head and she laughs.

Visionary Body www.visionarybody.weebly.com



Passion Photography I 48 x 36"



Trigger Photography

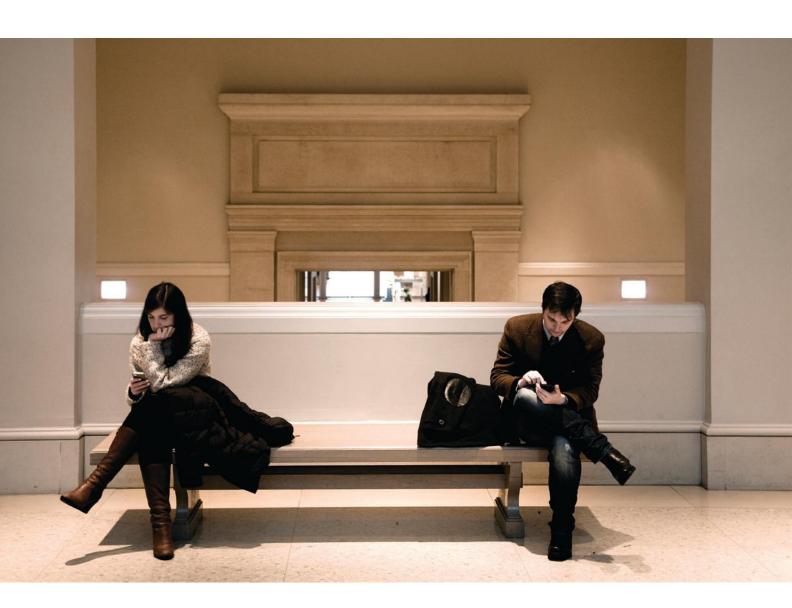


Joanna Madloch

www.joannamadlochphoto.com



Human Symmetry
Photography | 19.2 x 12.8" | \$150



Distinguished Write

The Moon Phases of Love

NEW MOON

We kiss.

I see

Worlds within worlds all caught

In trapezoids of gold

And streaking lights that merge

Into skies of violet flowers —

Strange carpet of the universe.

I see

The black starred sides of time

Rush past me

Pointing to incandescent

Orange moons — all violet-shaded.

I see

The pupils of your eyes.

WAXING MOON

You filter into my Being

And exude me

From your every cell.

The reality of our fusion —

Smelling, feeling, seeing —

All...

All are welded.

FULL MOON

Full orb of nectarous luminous musk,

Slicing bluing grey of too-near day,

Sandra Matuschka

Startle the bright-lit lights of man,

Piercing earth and ecstasy.

The opaque and orange moon lies low

Lies low in deepest darkest dusk....

WANING MOON

The taste of bitterness

Lies under my tongue

The metallic acidity of gun metal

I didn't use.

It's like I've been had...

Again.

Humiliation scalds the veins

On the insides of my wrists.

I am left with wraiths of love

Denuded, deluded, refuted, and polluted.

I am left...

VOID OF COURSE MOON

There is a time the heart seeks cold for pain;

It lies in state, a frozen diamond stone.

We find we walk atop the new numbed hurt,

The face can smile, and show no fear that one

May come to thaw the gem for life again.

Vijay V. Paniker and Natalya Sturlis



Marrow Torso No. 3 Earthenware, acrylic paint | 19.75 x 11 x 4" | \$1,500



 $\label{eq:marrow Pubis No. 1}$ Earthenware, acrylic paint | 11.75 x 19 x 6" | \$1,600



Chandra Rice www.chandrarice.blogspot.ca



Descent
Fabric, batting, and thread | 78 x 90"



Trees

Fabric, hand-dyed fabric, batting, and thread $| 96 \times 108$ "



D.T. Powter http://dtpowter.simdif.com



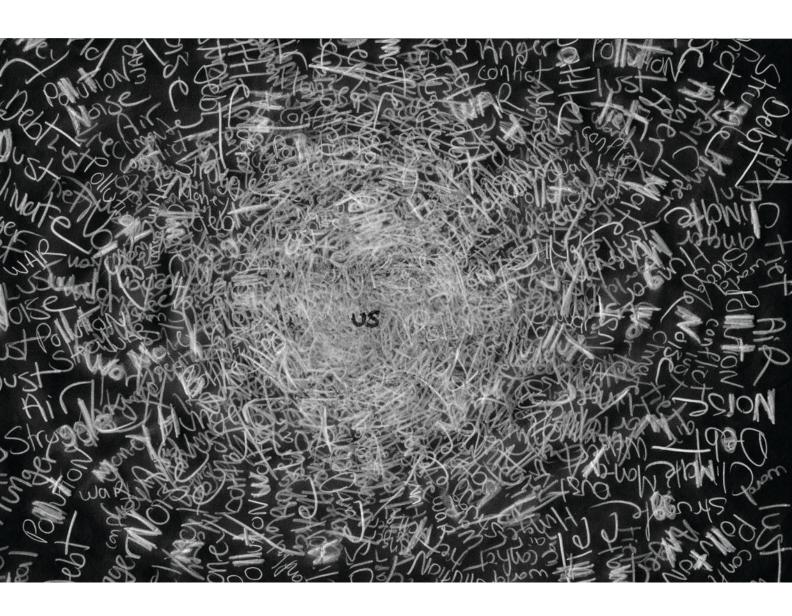




Jeremi Savoie www.thingsastheywere.com



The World and US Fine art print | 16 x 24" | \$75



The Big Storm Fine art print | 16 \times 24" | \$75



Jesse McMurray

www.facebook.com/jessemcmurrayauthor



Ode of the Hour

In the seasons of illusion, the encephalon is remontant in the most startling of ways, for within every line it has something to say. Between our differences, we seek the Truth, collective acknowledgment underlying our youth. The following to come is about when day met night, when my partner and I joined the plight.

When tomorrow comes, I'll be different, another version of myself knowing that someone else.

The winds of change herald the dawn of the new age, another time within the great design.

"Good morning," I say, tuning-in to hear an abrupt, "Good day."

"Coffee in a minute," our morning spread.

"Who's up next?" our secrets bared.

And from out of the wild, we reawaken, nothing is ever lost or forsaken.

By remerging to stake my claim, her movements never speak the same.

The patterns of knowing lie deeper still; in the mighty minds and the making of dreams, nothing is ever what it seems, while the sun sets in yet another space, someplace other we can't yet face.

Remembering the dark, brooding night, I see pinnacles of light. All around me, these glowing orbs, lit for a cause. Showing the way, they're brought into being for a new day.

It is this age of believing when we awaken to what has been deceiving, recalling those things that left us unhinged.

"How are you today?" I hear her say.

"Not bad," I would have said, if it weren't for the pounding in my head.

Then I realize the day has already passed, me asleep the whole while, she attuned to a different dial. I feel myself about to pose a question, but then again, it's her predilection.

And in intimidation, I flinch at her aura. Like I'm to fear what she's done, what I've become...

The amalgamation of terrestrial and alien is a matter wisely reserved of an answer, in short of it, too far fledged for my other character. Calling forward the newcomers is a force of reckoning outside the usual dharma, persons of ability I am yet to encounter. A spirited being beyond thought gives voice to the want.

My ghost within me is prisoner inside this frequency.

"Who do you want to be?!" she decrees.

"I don't know." I stammer. "I'd rather be free."

"Then how do you suppose you'll begin to know me?"

The answer is written on her face, although I'm yet to begin to know how to trace.

"I'll guess I'll fall then, or would you catch me if you're all you're cracked up to be?"

She stops for a moment, an age to me, seeming to ponder my words like she's "we."

"Carry on, I know you can't escape, but if you do you'll see your fate."

And with her words forming this bind, I ponder my mind.

What is to be has not yet been done in light of my convictions for one so young. In order to find the "me" who believes, I first must find how he sees. And in doing so, I see her grief, the one is not the other as I reach this brief.

Enemies and friends, they all want the same,

A piece of me, someone to claim.

But I know better, I'm more than I'm not,

And not what I am.

So to continue, I see her sham.

In order to achieve, the human inside must come to believe. Looking for the outside to see one's range, you begin to know the benefit of change. All the meanings from the first seed continue to become, just as I start to murmur how they hum.

If I'm to fight those things of the night, I must realize why I'm bright.

Now that the picture clears, I see what became of the weird,

In her insatiable quest to put me to the test.

Inside, I hear the trepidation, the confusion and retaliation.

I feel the nerve of their situation, her interrogation, and now, assimilation.

She listened to me close, but turned eyes away,

That's what she did when she met my ray.

Finally opening my mouth to speak, I hear the logic, my voice replete

"One word," is all I said, she a twittering ghost flung from my head.

Away from me now, I see her off. But the refraction stays with me, I cough.

With the progression of time, my thoughts begin to align. Reaching the nexus of "us," the original division finally meets my decision. I choose where to go, what to hold and who to know. The power of the Self rises to meet all else, those special things that are real because they are willed. In saying these maxims I am deftly certain, able to tell you as a whole person. Seek out the wonder of every day, make it your own with something to say.

Parallels and paradox have been conceived,

This space I'm in now, no longer deceived.

In my realm, thought flows free like the sea, all infinitely connected, meant to be.

Creating my means, there are no ends,

Life continues now I've formed a friend.

These moments in time,

They complete the pattern.

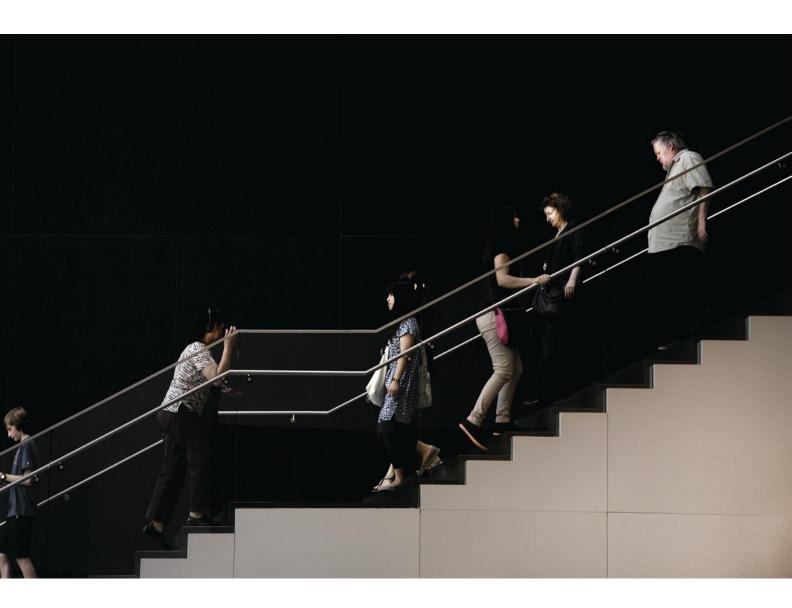
Reason in the rhyme.

Joanna Madloch

www.joannamadlochphoto.com



Geometry of People Photography | 19.2 x 12.8" | \$150



Echo Photography | 19.2 x 12.8" | \$150



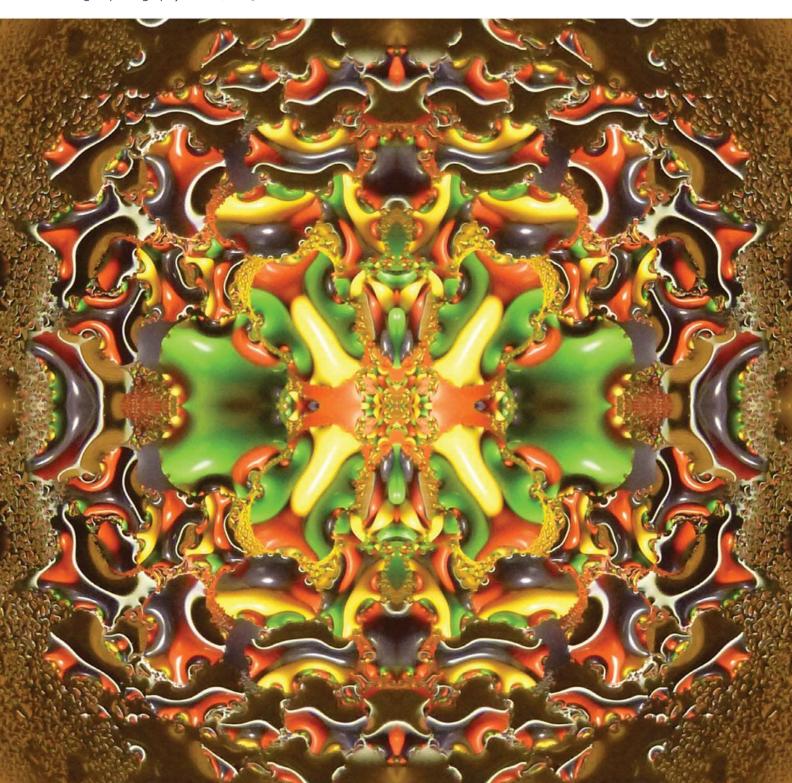




Julia Levine www.facebook.com/julevinart



Cornucopia
Digital photography | 12 x 14" | \$150



Flames in the Jungle Digital photography | 12 \times 18" | \$150

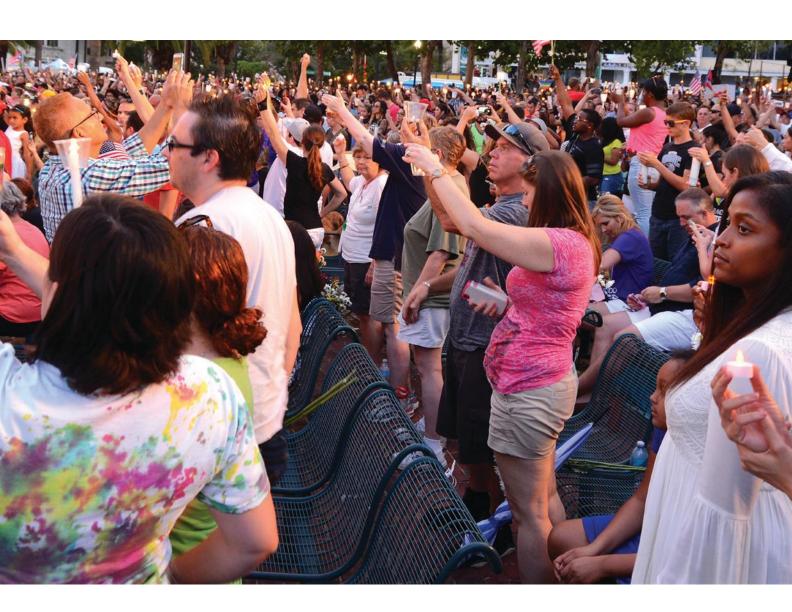


Mark A. Bernhardt

www.potshotsphoto.com



Orlando's PULSE is Still Strong Digital photo print | 12 x 18" | \$36





Barbara Hillerman Lieske



Missed Beat



Mechanical Pattern



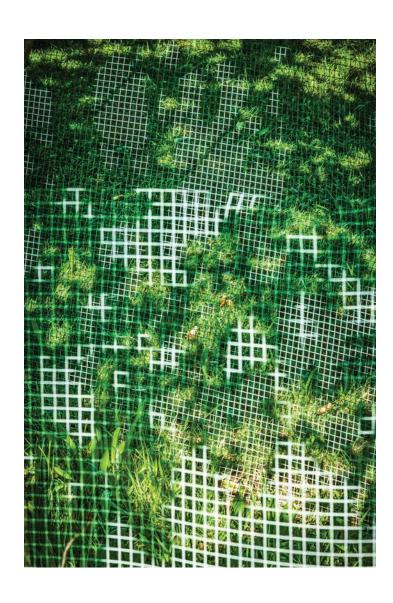
Dottie Campbell www.dottiecampbell.com



Spring Screen Pigment ink photographic print | 36 x 24" | \$1,000



 $\label{eq:A-Pretty-Plastic} \mbox{ A Pretty Plastic } \mbox{ Pigment ink photographic print | 24 x 36" | $1,000 } \mbox{}$



Salvatore Arnoldo



A Puzzle of Mirages

Jain sidestepped through the crumbled ruin, keeping a keen eye peeled for his quarry. He had to be ever wary then, being deep in the heart of the Mythic Continent. He held his rifle tight, the stock tucked firmly under his arm, hands steady. The ruin was labyrinthian, loose green stones carven with strange runes forming a complex of half-collapsed walls and pillars, it was hard to maintain a clear sense of direction in the way it twisted and turned. And he had to be careful that his eye wasn't drawn every which way by vibrant colour; the electric blues and bright violets and pinks of the moss and fungi spilling out from between the stonework in elaborate fractal patterns.

A week ago, with a hunting party of some twelve Ajna tribesmen from the Glimmering Provinces, he had penetrated the Archipelago of Troubled Dreams, a wild and untamed chain of islands in the Sundered Gulf. He had pursued the beast with the tribesmen across the island chain, it seemed to always disappear into thin air during pursuit and then they would have to make use of Jungian archetypes and dream interpretation to track it, to another island. When all else failed, they had a pack of transmogrifying tarot cards they used, the symbols constantly mutating in their hands. The cards would display new faces every time they were shuffled and drawn. They had pursued it from the Isle of Nataraja, across six islands, eleven of the twelve tribesmen being slain in various modes along the way by the creature. Until he had arrived here, on the Isle of Hecate, with a single companion, whom he had become separated from in the maze of ruins, and only heard his bloodcurdling screams, an abrupt snapping, and then silence. The creature was very light on its feet, considering what it was.

The ephemeral worlds were strange, especially in this region. The way the sky shimmered above him, with plumes of incandescent silvery flakes, shedding from the local flora and fauna of the jungle with deep, bellowing gusts of wind coming in from the Milky Ocean, making sparkling whorls up above. An iridescent sheen cast across the nebulous purple and red sky, caught in the forever dusk of dreaming. The ebb and flow of the ecosystem was dictated by the conditions of human consciousness back on the overworlds. Dreams and nightmares directing the movements of weather systems, the predator-prey relationships of the animals, and the growth of vegetation. New species were being born and going extinct all the time, with every intellectual revolution and movement for personal liberation, every great terror and dark age. And as seasons grew tumultuous back on earth, strange monsters grew from out of the shadows.

He navigated his way through the ruin with his weapon as his guide. It acted as a cipher to the confusion by way of a kind of dreamlogic, bringing order to the chaos of the labyrinth. The rifle was a finely crafted extension of his own psyche; a handle and trigger of brass, intricately carved ivory pieces, depicting ancient battle scenes between thoughtforms in torrents of ether, bound to the barrel and stock. It was very much the byproduct of a well-traveled Edwardian mind; a lord, and former officer in His Majesty's Royal Navy, who had hunted in the darkest jungles of Africa and the furthest reaches of the Orient. Who had dipped his toes in the waters of eastern esotericism, from the ashy banks of the Ganges to Kathmandu.

The maze finally opened into a crude amphitheater, which descended in a clutter of crumbled steps, broken pottery shards, and damaged slabs of old funerary inscription, to a circle of druidic stones at its center. Tall green and blue slabs of rock, inscribed with a hodge-podge of occult iconography from different cultures, which encircled an altar. And on the altar was the beast, stripping the flesh away from what remained of the tribesman's body with a series of disproportionate mouths, each with beady yellow teeth. Its hulking, shadowy mass writhed and shuddered as it gnawed on the skull, its multitude of pupils darting around frantically.

Jain knelt down on one knee and trained his sights on the creature. The beast was a confusion of vicious instincts, existing in a constant state of physical agony which it sought to nullify through slaughter and violence. A pain engine which had to keep feeding itself, though its thirst could never be completely quenched; born from shadow, it was an aberration on nature and could only thrive in an environment of aberration. If it stopped killing and creating discord, the dream would eventually melt it away, untangling all of the horrible knots of its being.

He felt pity towards it more so than revulsion or outrage, and he identified that this was a creature which needed to be put out of its misery, as much as it needed to be stopped. He took a breath, steadying his aim, and just as he did so it was altered to his presence. It turned and sprang off of the altar, rushing up the steps towards him, and he pulled the trigger. There was the sound of a thunderclap and the magical trident of Shiva the Destroyer exploded from out of the barrel of his gun, and pierced the monster's heart.

And in a flash of serene light, the shadow evaporated.

Brandon Mathias Sweet

www.brandonmsweet.com



Untitled Botanical Study 3 Silver gelatin print | \$400

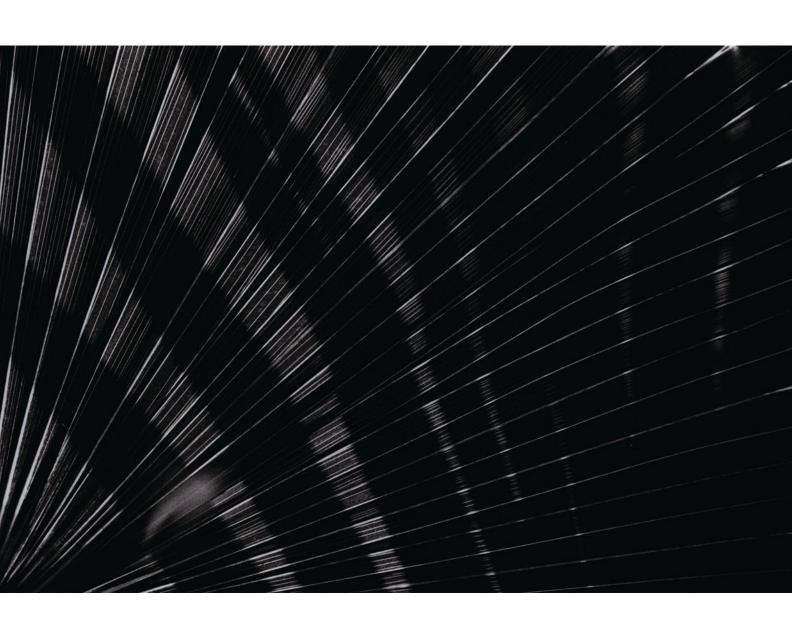


Untitled Botanical Study 2 Silver gelatin print | \$400



Brandon Mathias Sweet

Untitled Botanical Study 1 Silver gelatin print | \$400





Bianca Jarvis www.biancajarvis.com

Repetition

Every process contains cycles that repeat to sustain oscillations that maintain life's momentum.

A symptom of systematic arrangements and engagements conjured to connect abstract and physical ideals.

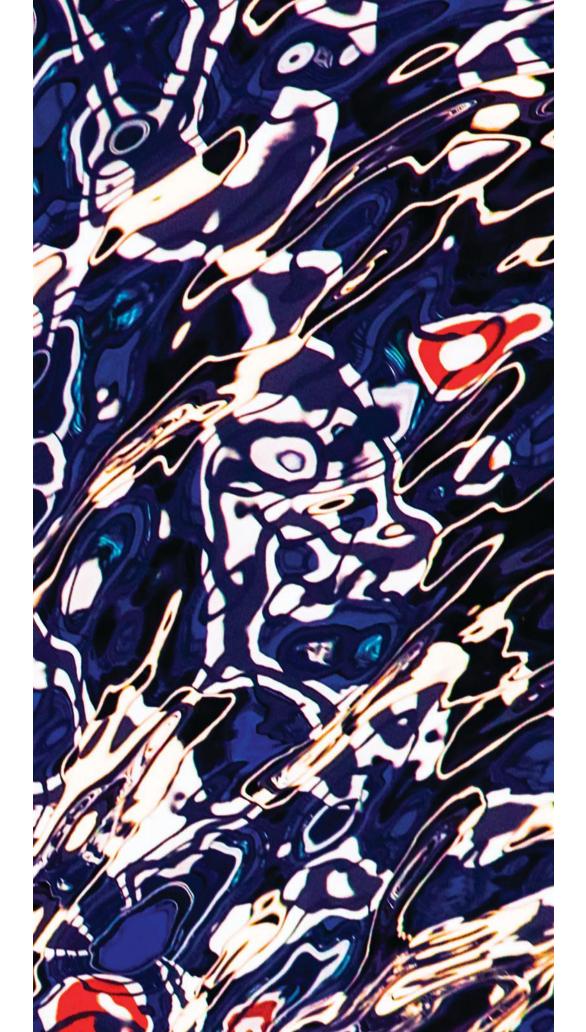
Repeat the way we repeat each day to refute the shame of repeating what came.

Maxime Gé www.subthou.tumblr.com



9256 Cigars & Camouflage Photography | 34 x 69" | \$1,500 RIGHT PAGE: 9178 Giraf's Head Photography | 34 x 69" | \$1,500





Joshua Sariñana

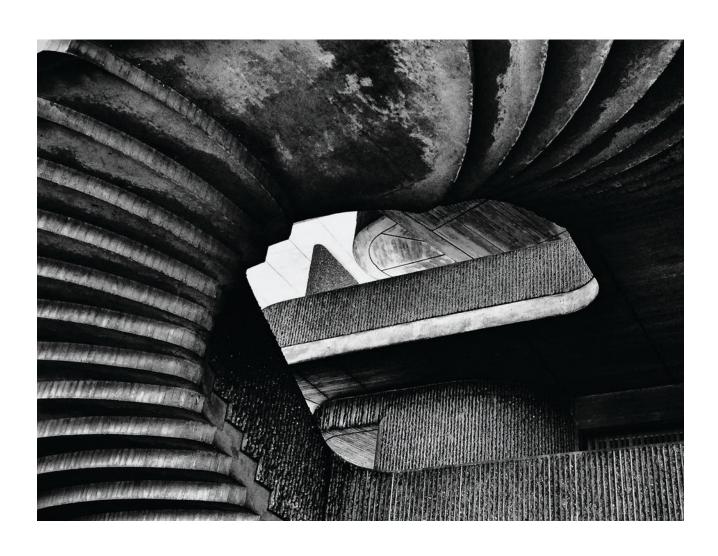
www.joshuasarinana.com



Intimation
Photo | 8 x 8" | \$250



Untitled 3
Photo | 10 x 8" | \$200

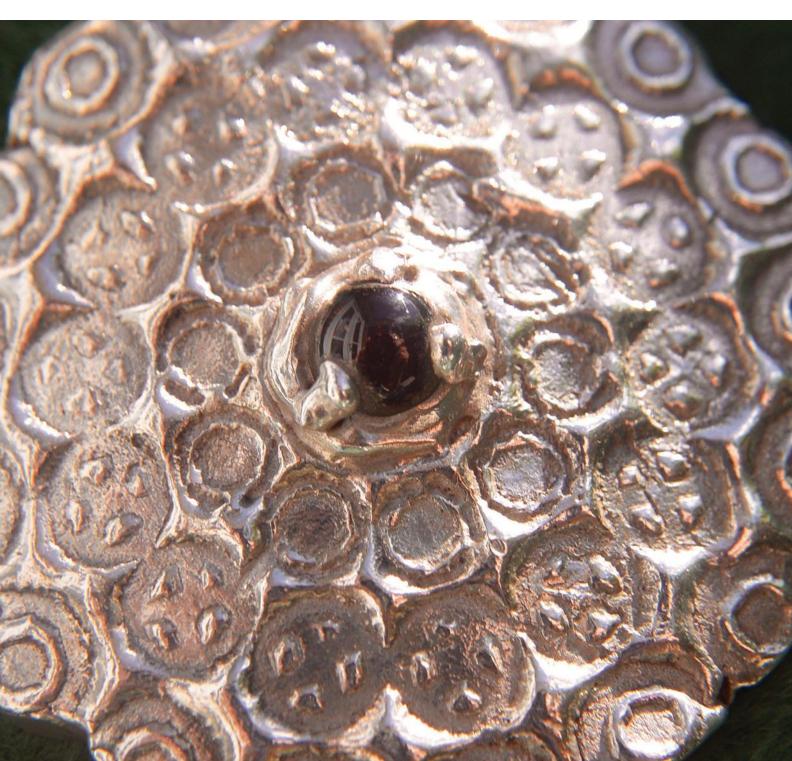


S.B. Borgersen www.sueborgersen.com



Garden #1
Pendant, fine (.999) silver with garnet cabochon. 22 gms | 1.5" round (approx) | \$225

RIGHT PAGE: Temptation Pendant, fine (.999) silver. 12.7 gms | 1.25 x 1.25" (approx) | \$130

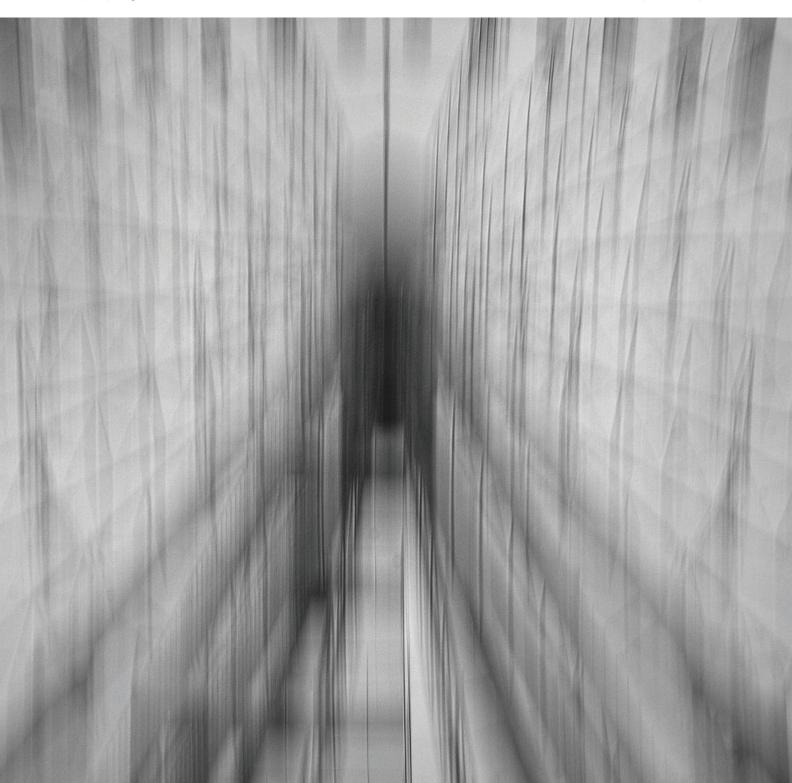




Beata Podwysocka www.beatapodwysocka.pl



Limbo 24 × 24" | \$500 RIGHT PAGE: Polka Dot 40 x 28" | \$700





Stuart Meyer-Plath www.stuartmeyer-plath.wix.com/stuart-meyer-plath



The Rehearsal 2 Bali Watercolour | 23.6 x 16.5" | \$1,500





Marian Kaplun Shapiro

Looking in the Kaleidoscope

So many

crystals

fragments shards

shells tinsel

beads mirrors

cut carefully according to the science of reflection, fitted to a simple tube.

You pick it up. You point it at the light.

Enter the diorama, glittering, glowing, magical as childhood fairytales, stained glass, imaginary jewels, sparkling in your hand.

Turn the end-piece slowly. It only turns one way.

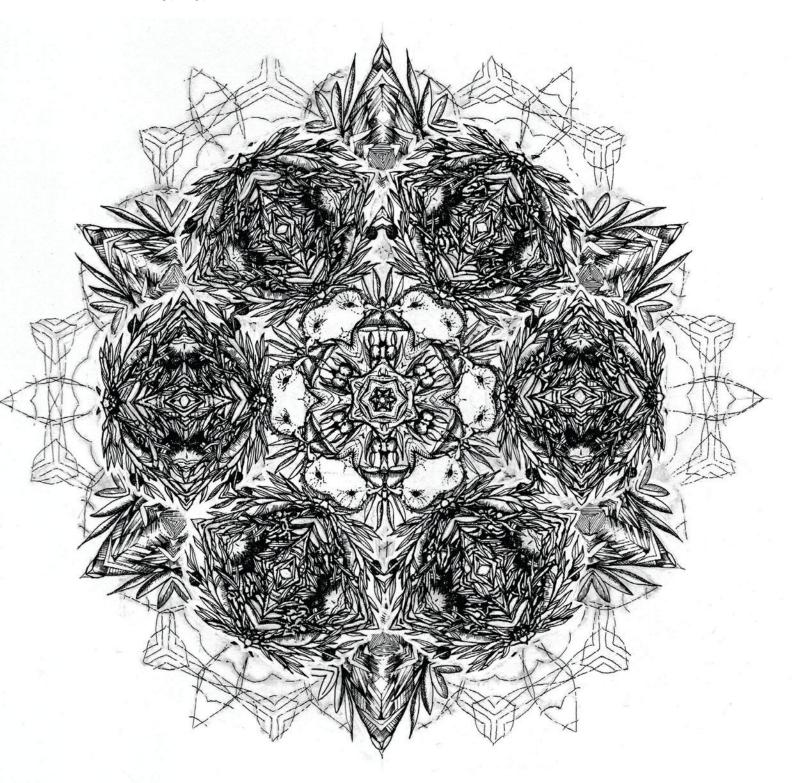
The picture's gone, gone, and you can't go back, but there's another, and it's lovely, yes, it's beautiful, it's hard now to remember what the last one looked like, you want to hold each image still, and then the next, and next, unique and precious, till you realize that you never lose a single one:

All the pieces are as they have been. Unchanged. The new becomes the old, arranged and re-arranged, gone and not gone, strange and not strange.

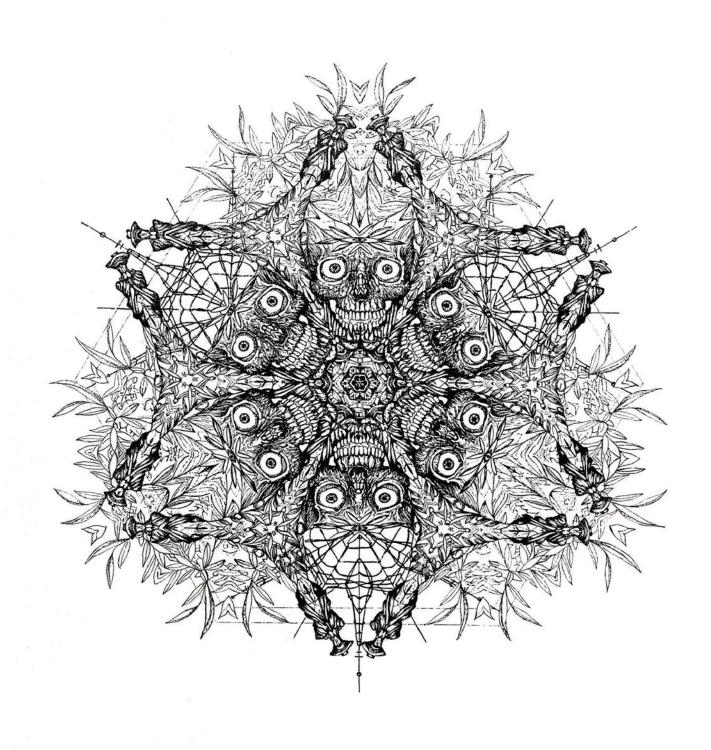
Petra Knezic www.draw-ink.com



Carry On Ink on canvas | 15.7 x 19.7" | \$660



Peaceful Transmitting Ink on canvas | 15.7 x 19.7" | \$660



Dan Nuttall www.dandoesdesign.com



MIMESIS 1 Acrylic on wood panel | 36×36 " | \$1,350

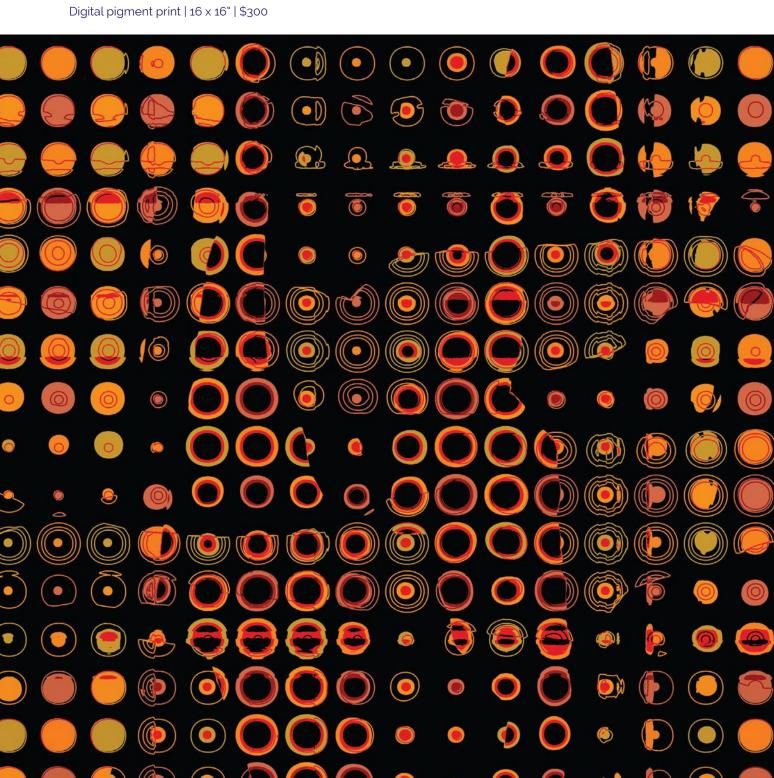




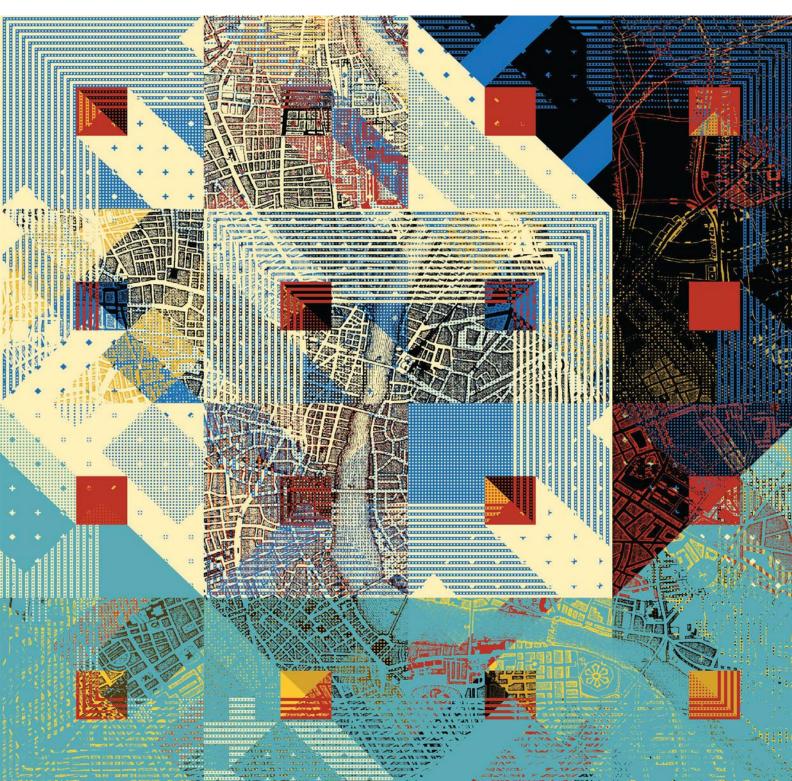
Eric Field www.ericfield.com



Divided and Multiplied by Water



 $\label{eq:toward Millbank} \mbox{Digital pigment print | 16 x 16" | $300}$



Anna Pepe



See Through
Photography | 6 x 8"





Melissa Larter www.reflectionsbymelissa.blogspot.ca

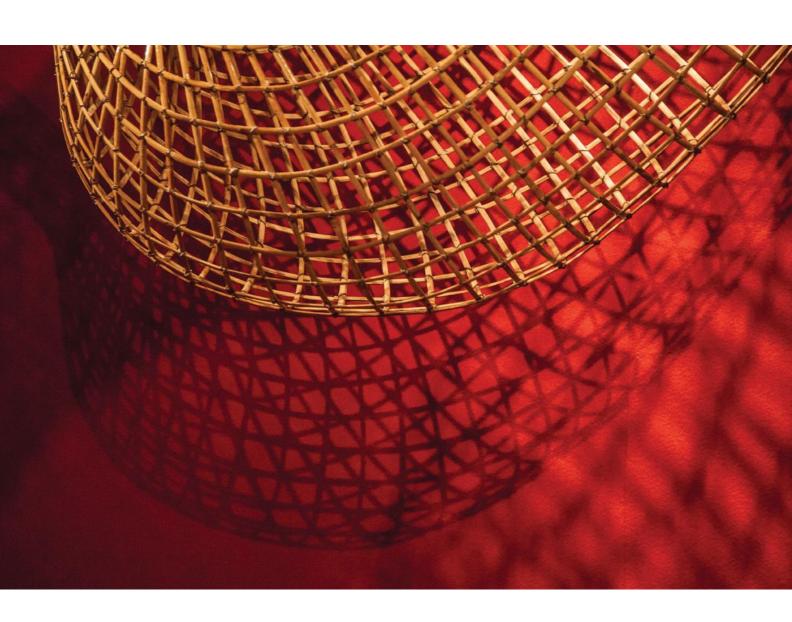
Behavioural Patterns

Patterns of my flowing mind, Colours and shapes that I find. So many patterns to express, All this built up kind of stress. Feeling kind of blue and low, Wish I was green so I can go. Listening to the octagon sign, It means stop so I'll be fine. Then I see a cube or square, Sitting on my shelf right there. Looking in my memory box, Many good times that one locks. Looking at the intricate lines, Seeing different patterned designs. See a circle in the sky, Up in the dark blue glowing high. Shapes that are so very round, It's the symbol I have found. It shines down on me so bright, Then I begin to see the light. Circles with no definite end, It is with love that I send. I find the love inside of me, The red heart is what will be. Then I see a shooting star, A different pattern from afar. Then it's the love that I feel, The kind of pattern I need to heal.

Sonal Shah www.flickr.com/photos/85269033@No8



Rattan Reflections
Digital image | 13 x 19" | \$350





Rebecca Zimmerman

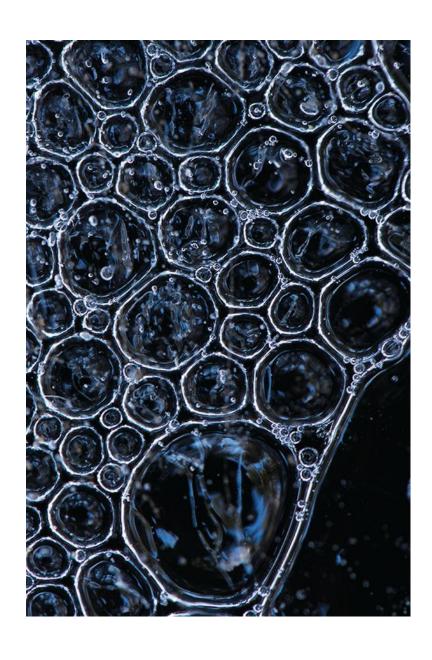
www.rebeccazimmerman.com



Seedhead #1
Watercolor giclee print | 16 x 24" | \$300



 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{ Ice \#14}$ Watercolor giclee print | 16 x 24" | \$300



Jo Stone



Uluwatu, Bali - Black Sand Photograph





Nancy Anne Miller

www.bermudapoet.com

Words that Curl and Curve

Words that curve and curl from the sea, the tide, dampness, get into everything. The seaweed which clings to your calf when you walk out of the water, the varicose veins as you return to your land legs.

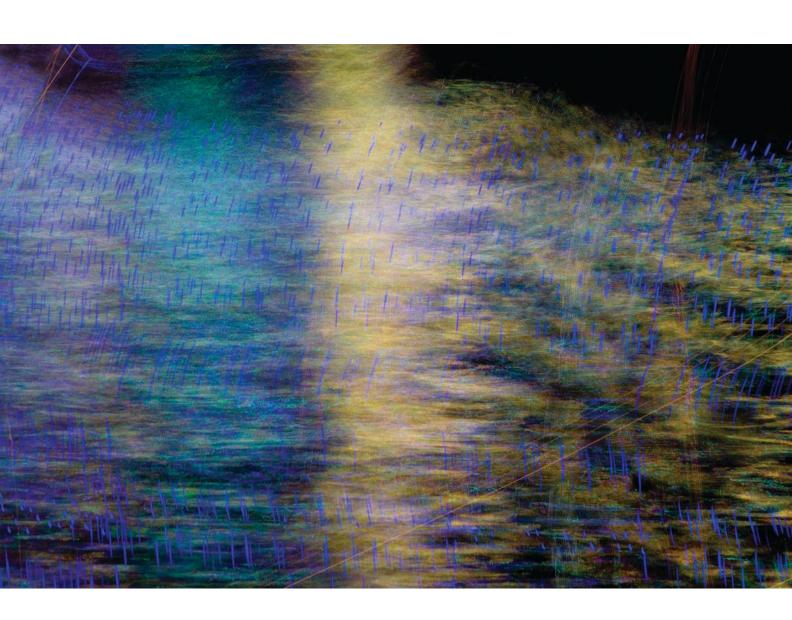
Words that curve and curl, like the conch, Allamanda petals, the roundabout where Mobylettes, Zundaps, Morris Minors swish by, fish in a current. Words that curve and curl, collect the island dead center as in the eye

of a hurricane. Don't sit up straight on the page like for a class at B.H.S. Overflow into the world like when I jumped overboard in Paget Harbour caused rivulets which rocked boats anchors wanting to tipsy into the ocean.

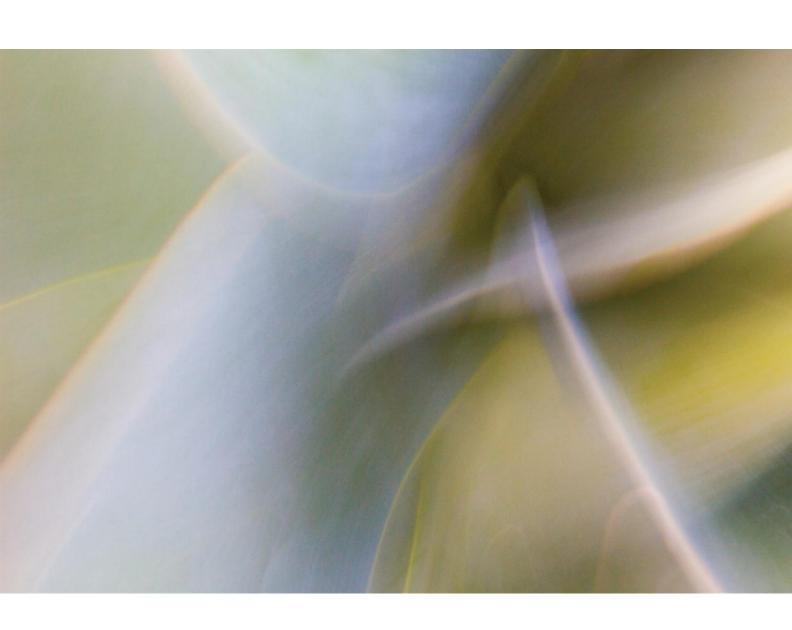
© Gar Benedick www.garbenedick.com



Abstraction - 9837 Original photograph on paper | 30 x 45" | \$350



 $\label{thm:cont} Translucent\ Dreams\ -\ 2553$ Original photograph on paper | 30 x 45" | \$350



Studio Spotlight

Retracing life in my home studio

y dreams and memories, as well as my reading and music appreciation, awaken my creativity.

Having lived both in the Cayman Islands and on Okinawa, as well as many different places in the USA, I find my pen retracing my life steps in many directions.

I don't always know from where my inspirations come.

I use my tax and insurance home office as my writing space. I am an eclectic poet who has also published book reviews, research articles, and a chapter in a book.

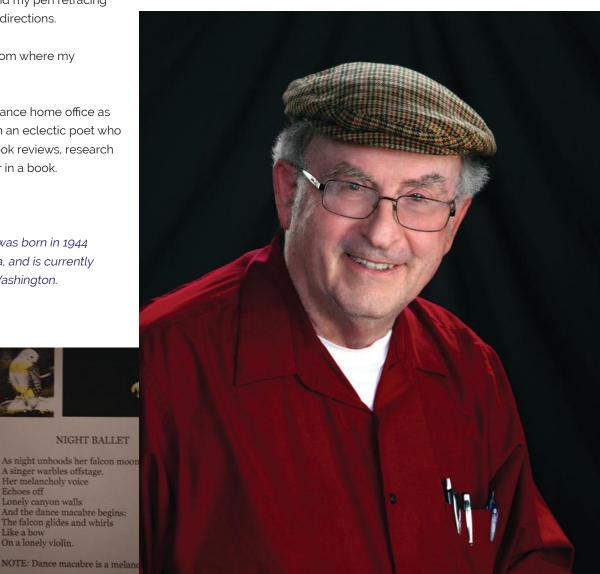
By David Hughey

David is a US citizen, was born in 1944 in Henderson, Nevada, and is currently based in Longview, Washington.

> A singer warbles offstage. Her melancholy voice ichoes off onely canyon walls

The falcon glides and whirls

Like a bow



LOVE STORY

My love is as old as a BOOK.

I dream of everything on PAGES of LOVE.

I remember only
PARAGRAPHS and PERIODS of sequential reality
my CHARACTERS read as thoughts.

I am built
of broken WORDS love, hate, thoughts of you.
MOONLIT SONGSand a rusty piano
pumping HARMONIES
out of tune.
I am ALWAYS fingering
your heart
though MY LOVE is not
antique.

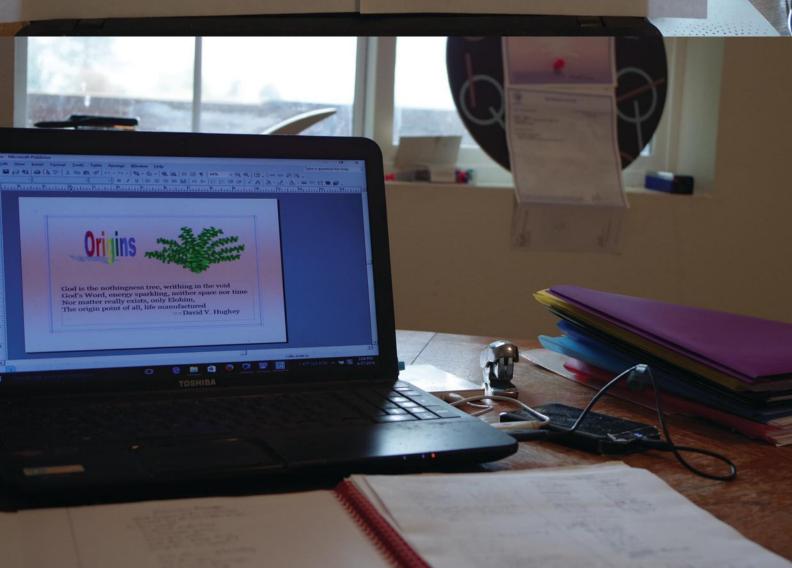
David V. Hugher MAY 20, 1977 Pittsburgh, PA: on the 61C

JUNGLE TYES

Clouds flash tigerSTRIPES of blue and white as GREEN le ves wither UP, slither INTO eyes of candlelight. Neon flashing SPEARS eradicate the moon twisting into shadows of PANTHER RAIN: fun flows top sy-tury y with a fly wheeling MOTION as it vibrates its EYES eyes BEWITCHING mensoldiers, poets, dreamerseyes bewitched by RAIN dripping off the leaves. WELVET eyes TURNED inside out so what is SEEN can SEE
JUNGLE EYES, BEAUTIFUL EYESlies, lies, lies.

> David V. Hugheoy MAY 21, 1977 Oakland, Pitts jurgh, PA

Jem 1607



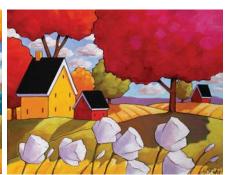
Art Investor Tips

Artworks in series

any art consultants encourage artists to create their works in series. Advantages of creating artworks in a series include building a recognizable, cohesive body of work and having art dated to a certain period.







Paintings in "By the Seaside" Series by Cathy Horvath-Buchanan - Canadian Painter

Picasso had his Blue & Rose Periods where he produced first the series of paintings that were predominantly blue. Then he created a series of paintings that followed the Blue Period and they were predominantly done in rose (shades of red). In a strange sort of a way, understanding a series is quite similar to that of a courtship process.

Allow me to explain:

- Boy Meets Girl | You see the artistic process from the beginning to an end. From Genesis to Completion.
 How the idea is originated and how it triggers other successive ideas.
- 2. Getting to Know You | You begin to understand and appreciate how the artist defines his/her idea by saying everything without using any words. In other words, a story emerges.
- 3. Experiencing Intimacy and Deep Connection | You become intimately familiar with the subject matter and experience a Eureka! moment. The journey that leads to a destination. The mystery is resolved bringing forth a sense of contentment.

At first glance, one series by an artist may not look much different from their other works. You are perceiving their branding, their style and overall consistent quality.



Paintings in "Electric::Current::Amp" Series by Margaret Withers - American Artist

A series, however, has a special focus in regards to subject, size, colour, or concept. To illustrate, Red Delicious apples are different from Granny Smith's. They both are apples and similar in size but both belong to different class or variety. In other words, a series exploits different perspectives and angles of the same thought, subject, or theme.



Paintings in "Chess-Nut Tree" Series by Roopa Dudley - American (Chess) Painter

A full body of work of an artist may have some overlapping elements, but each series will have a special uniqueness that distinguishes them from the others.







Paintings in "In the Forest" Series by Otto Placht - Czech Painter

By Roopa Dudley Award-winning artist and an author of A Strategic Painter: Mastermind Your Craft. www.RoopaDudley.com

Artist Interview

J Howard

ecome acquainted with perhaps a few unknown dimensions thoughts, ambitions, wisdoms, life changing moments – of this inspiring artist.

When it comes to your art, explain what you do in 100 words.

I could tell you how far I have come and what I have come from. I could share with you my journey as a mental health physician and how art has healed many through its use. But what I would like to share with you is how I identify myself, not just with my art, but in it and through it, that my purpose is to reach individuals deeply and spiritually. To share not just a visual, but an emotional experience. I am not a young artist by age or training, but I am emerging with a message.

What project are you working on now?

I am currently working on a series entitled, "Voices of Humanity." In addition to this project, I am compiling pieces for the Women Painting Women Exhibit in Clarksville, Tennessee, and a solo show the first of 2017 in my home state of Texas. It is entitled, "Texas Speaks."

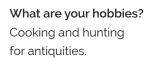
Why do you do what you do?

Art plays many roles in society and, at different times, can speak to issues in areas such as religion, science, politics, and history. No matter what venue, my art can provide thought-provoking commentary and innovative perspectives on a vast array of ideas. People often forget the significance of art in the discourse of social, cultural, and global concerns. Art clearly has the power to spark ideas and challenge prevailing opinions, and as an artist, I become the point of delivery.

How has your practice changed over time?

Although I began my training at a very early age, my practice as an artist has had two lives. Trained in oils with a rich background in drawing, I have evolved into someone who really must get their hands "in it." I first began as a studio artist with the responsibility of recreating life and movement with inanimate objects.

> Through the observation of reality, I became a lover of Photorealism, which has given substance to my art career's second life. As a pastelist, I can draw on my strong illustration background while really using my hands to apply the colour and create rich images that have a sense of storytelling.







What is your strongest childhood memory?

Traveling and seeing things creatively and always having a sketchbook.

What is your scariest experience?

Nearly dying... twice.

Describe a real-life experience that inspired you.

Each time I travel to

a new destination, I am inspired by the people, food, entertainment, and environment. I think the beauty of Kona Hawaii last year moved me creatively more than anything. As a mental health physician, I am inspired by the many survivors I encounter on a regular basis who give me a purpose and a mission that drives my voice within my art.

What superpower would you like to have and why?

I would like to have the superpower of speaking every language in the world and communicating with anyone, no matter where they are from, to have fluent conversation and share stories.

What is your pet peeve about the art world?

Unfortunately, the art scene is quite fickle and trendy with judging in a realm of subjectiveness that is beyond comprehension. It has an air of snobbery that makes an emerging artist's attempt at becoming known and favored very difficult. Art as a whole is rooted in cultural diversities, but seems disjointed at times. With my grounded sense of reality, I feel that, for the moment, there is no place for me, but I have a voice that will one day be heard.



What is your dream creative project?

To have a solo show that speaks to the world in a very profound way, shown in a prominent gallery, in a well-respected art community.

What's the most indispensable item in your studio or practice?

My purely organic soft pastels. Having an autoimmune disorder means that commercial grade soft pastels are life threatening. The other would be natural light.



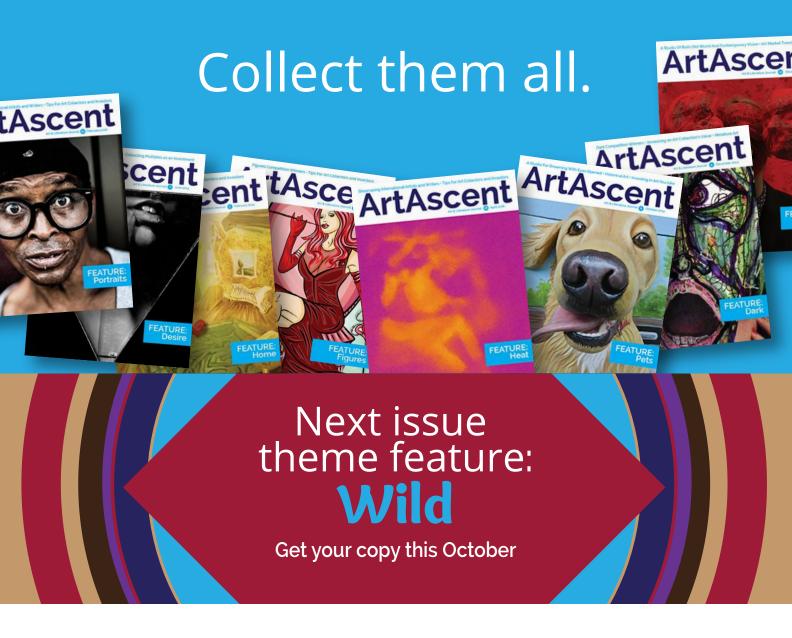
What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Degas once said, "It's not what you see, but what you make others see." A very good friend recently told me that the most important thing I can do is be true to myself in my art. To make sure that above all else, my voice is heard over the judgment of others who feel that art should be traditional in how it is created. I also have to remember that just because someone or some gallery tells me "NO," it does not mean that I cannot do it; it just means that I am not going to do it with them.

Creatively, where do you see yourself in the next five years?

In two years I see myself retired and a full-time artist showing everywhere. In five years I hope to be able say I won the Hunting Art Prize and the Dave Bown Project. I also hope to be able to say I was a winner in the Art Comes Alive competition which is sort of an Academy Award for an artist. I plan to establish my own gallery where I can support emerging artists in a very loving and supportive manner. But most important, I plan to just experience real joy for the rest of my life.

J Howard is a US citizen, was born in Houston, Texas, and is currently based in Alvin, Texas. www.organicpastels.com



CALL FOR ARTISTS AND WRITERS

This call theme is "Wild." The untamed, free and undeveloped.

The turbulent, unrestrained, emotional and extreme.

Share your vision and you may be published in the next issue.

The selected artists and writers will be published in ArtAscent magazine and showcased in our online exhibition for at least two years. Additionally, four of these creatives will be featured in article profiles.

All 2D and 3D artists may apply including writers, painters, photographers, digital artists, installation artists, ceramic artists, jewelry artists, sculptors, fabric artists, and others.



