
Meet the Instructors

Mel Bikowski, www.melbikowski.com

Find Your Center - Grounding Meditation & Centering Exercise

Mel Bikowski is a self-taught artist that uses her intuition to build new perspectives and worlds that present an emotional depth and wisdom that is absent of ego. She spends most of her time painting in her studio space adjacent with Olly Olly in Old Town Fairfax, VA. www.melbikowski.com

Kathryn Coneway, www.kathrynconeway.com

Acrylic Techniques with Collage

Kathryn is the author of two children's books and is an exhibiting artist, focusing on work in clay, mixed media and photography. Currently much of her work is inspired by time spent in nature and observing the changing of the seasons at Huntley Meadows Park near her home in Alexandria, Virginia.

Lynn Fernandez, www.etsy.com/shop/NowBraceYourself

Leather Mask Making

I'm a book worm, and an all around fantasy lover. I love Star Wars, and Jane Austin, Star Trek, Dr. Who, Shakespeare, and Tolkien. I watch period pieces for the costumes. I firmly believe you can never own too much leather. I love working with leather and creating one of a kind items.

Susan Gantz

Exploring Mono Printing with the Gelli Arts Plate

I've taught classes in the Washington metro area for over twenty years - including at Del Ray Artisans. I have many passions including mosaics, encaustics, mono printing, polymer clay, and fiber. I especially like it when a project brings multiple things together.

Jay Young Gerard

Painting with Paper

Creative director/art director/design director for American Red Cross, Macy's New York, and as VP of an international social marketing agency. Artist who paints out of Columbia Pike Artist Studios: collage, paintings, fiber arts. Current solo retrospective at the Art Institute of Washington (many other shows, group and solo). College professor of design for 9 years. Writer (blog: jayyoungerard.svbtle.com)

Kim Joy, www.kimsjoy.com

Stained Glass Earrings; Stained Glass Pendant; Kumihimo

Kim Steinmuller Joy was raised in upstate New York and now lives and works in Woodbridge, VA. She has been a stained glass artist and teacher since 1982. Her works are in private and public collections worldwide. As a bead artist, Kim has been working since 2001. She belongs to National Capital Art Glass Guild, Del Ray Artisans and PMC Guild. Her work can be found at Del Ray Artisans in Del Ray, VA, Local Colour LLC in Alexandria, VA and at local craft shows.

Loretta Kaneshige, catchadreamstudio.com

Hammered Copper or Sterling Cuff Bracelet; Sterling Silver Stacking Rings; Mixed Metal Earrings - Earrings-A-Polooza!

Loretta T. Kaneshige is an award-winning fine jewelry artist and metalsmith. Loretta is a resident artist at Sandy Spring Museum in Montgomery County, MD; she has been making jewelry for over 20 years and teaching for 15 years.

Loretta Kaneshige & Mariam Wais, catchadreamstudio.com

Creative Card-Making from A-Z including Christmas in July

Loretta T. Kaneshige and Mariam Wais. Loretta and Mariam have been crafting with mixed media including paper, paint, ink, stamps, metals, beads, found objects, and more for many years. Mariam excels at custom card making with dimensions, pop-ups, stamps and mixed textures, along with custom envelopes. Loretta adds in materials created from metals, gelli printing and found objects.

Nancy Kline

Patterned Mosaics Without Using Grout

Nancy Kline, currently residing in Alexandria Virginia, has always been interested in the arts. In 2009, she discovered the wonderful world of mosaic art. Since then, she has explored a variety of techniques and styles, both modern and ancient, through classes and workshops taught by leading mosaic artists. Ms. Kline uses a broad range of materials and techniques, from traditional to modern, in order to create texture and color contrasts. Her various works may be suitable for interior or exterior spaces. She also creates wearable art. Nancy has been a member of Del Ray Artisans since 2011 and frequently exhibits her work at the gallery. Her works also appear in local non-gallery settings.

Sam Lally

Learning to Build Your Own Business Website

I graduated from TC Williams High School and will be majoring in engineering and graphic design at Virginia Tech this fall. I've completed courses in computer networking, programming, and graphic design. I have built websites for artists (e.g., stephenlallypottery.com) and will be working this summer at the Torpedo Factory assisting artists with websites and social media.

Judy Lynn, JudyLynnStudio.com

Create Professional Art Print Cards; Showcase Your Masterworks on Social Media; Reimagining Abstract Paintings

After careers in technology and education, Judy Lynn started painting in 2011. Later, inspired by her Kandinsky prints, she discovered her passion for creating abstracts. Her artwork is considered abstract expressionist. Judy's work has been accepted into local shows. She sells her work at art markets and online. She also creates commissioned works. Judy knows a painting is art when people interpret and react to it differently.

Stephanie Morse

Boom! Pow! Comic Booking; Book Making

Stephanie graduated with a BFA from The Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan for Fine Arts and Art History. She has been a Teaching Artist at Capitol Hill Arts Workshop since moving into the district in 2015. Her classes include everything from drawing to sculpture to printmaking. An artist in her own right, her work has been selected and featured in juried art shows across the country with the latest one in our very own Eastern Market. Stephanie is also actively involved in the local arts community by freelancing and advocating for arts education and funding.

Myra Nicholas, notjustpartz.com

Marketing, Web Design & Strategies; Bunches of Flowers Garland; Digital Image Editing & Special Effects; Painted Metal Filigree with Polymer Inlay; Creating Pins & Pendants (using broken jewelry & other media)

Myra Anson Nicholas has been experimenting with materials and creating unique craft techniques for 30 years. She displayed at craft shows, wholesale shows and gallery shows, in 2001 she launched a website: notjustpartz.com for the creative crafter that combines kits she designed with unique "partz" and techniques. She was involved in the development of computer graphics in the early 1980's. In 1995 she became a web developer, and taught in the IT department of a local university.

Jonathan Ottke, <https://ottkej.wixsite.com/jonathanottke>

Papier Mache for any level, Carving in Soapstone

Jonathan Ottke is an artist living next to a lake near Washington DC, where he walks and observes the world and people every day. He lived in many places including by a chocolate factory in Waldenbuch, Germany, the Washington DC area, Nairobi, Kenya near the equator, and Vienna, Austria. His art is deeply affected by his travels and by his training as a biologist. He sees art as a spiritual practice that is a communication, a dance even, between the creator, the universe and the viewer that allow both to become better people. He studied art at the Academy of Art in Braunschweig and the University of Virginia. He continued his studies as a guest student in Vienna, Austria with the artist Arnulf Rainer. He has displayed his art at many exhibitions in the Washington DC region.

Ken and Sue Reed

Polymer Clay - Bead Making

Sue is a graphic artist for a non-profit organization. Sue has always engaged in artistic pursuits of some sort. Ken is an architect with his own practice in Fairfax. After many years on other pursuits, he returned to sculpture. A few years ago we discovered polymer clay together and it has become our favorite material. Sue creates jewelry, Ken sculpts.

Ellen Rosenthal*Easy-Peasy Relief Printmaking*

I'm a retired middle school art teacher. I enjoy having the time to pursue my art and to share my art experience and knowledge on occasion. Currently, my main focus is on printmaking, but I also enjoy watercolor and pastels. In my artwork I show the natural world through still lifes, landscapes, and floral scenes.

Marisela Rumberg, www.MariselaRumberg.com*Discover Your Inner Artist – Introduction to Zentangle®*

Marisela Rumberg is a Fiber Artist, Award-Winning Quilter and Certified Zentangle Teacher. She is an instructor at Glen Echo Park and at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, VA, where she is a member of the Studio Fiber Arts co-op. She recently juried in as member of the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at the Torpedo Factory. Marisela finds inspiration for her art in nature and the history, legends, traditions and stories of her native Mexico; she also enjoys Zentangle abstract art. Her work has been exhibited at many galleries in Northern Virginia, several times at the Houston International Quilt show, and around the world including in Mexico, Brazil, France, England and Russia.

Rita Schooley*The Art of Business & Taxes*

As an artist and a CPA who does taxes, I want to share my knowledge. I've been painting for 10 years and have been a CPA for over 35 years.

Lewis Smith*Printing Digital Images on Canvas - what to get & what to do*

I am retired and regularly had digital photographs printed on canvas at Del Ray Artisans shows and elsewhere for the last 3 years. I do all of the work myself using my large printers.

Karen Laurie Thomas, www.karenlaurie.com*Nature Journaling: How To See As A Naturalist*

Karen Laurie Thomas is an artist and naturalist inspired by the plants and animals that are found in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Karen has been professionally exhibiting in galleries in the DC metro area since 2013. She spends time in nature every day, and her art captures the gratitude, compassion for living things, and calmness that she feels in nature. She is currently an artist-in-residence at Palette 22 restaurant and serves as the Executive Secretary for the Commission for the Arts for the City of Alexandria. Karen is a member of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists and has joined the Arlington County's bacteria and macroinvertebrate stream monitoring program.

Joe Toole*Fun with Fused Glass*

I have been working with glass for over 40 years. In addition to stained glass I also do fused and painted glass. My work has been recognized in local and regional juried competitions.

Lisa Willis*Upcycle and Design a Fabric Necklace*

My name is Lisa Willis and I'm a Illustrator and surface pattern designer. I have a degree in fashion design and teach DIY classes on how to upcycle and repurpose old clothes.

Margaret Wohler*Drawing Intricate Insects*

I'm a 21 year naturalist/illustrator based at Huntley Meadows Park. I love teaching natural history through art and observation. I conduct monthly Sketch Hikes for nature journaling, teach adult drawing series classes and art-nature camps for kids; I've been a GUAC instructor for several years and have taught at the Delray Artisan's kids arts camps. I love birding, gardening and being outdoors!

Seth Yavit*Existential Art-Making - Find Your Voice And Your Muse(s)*

I am a Creative Art Therapist and Licensed Graduate Practicing Counselor who practices at GWU Hospital working with adults in psychiatric crisis. In the past, I have taught children, adults, teens (both with and without disabilities/disorders) how to find their own unique and creative voices so that they can make art to enhance their sense of well-being. I have had group and solo shows in New York City, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, New Rochelle in New York, and Washington, DC and I am currently a featured artist at Palette 22 in Shirlington, VA.