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LESLEY BLACK VOGEL

Lesley Black Vogel studied painting and drawing in Manhattan as a child and young teen and continued to take painting and ceramics classes throughout college and into later adulthood. She has taught a variety of decorative art classes for adults. Lesley was the founder and owner of Color Effects, a decorative art company specializing in all forms of faux painting including trompe l'oeil. She was also co-owner of Art Effex, a company specializing in the design and production of floor cloths, wall hangings and hand-painted furniture. Lesley recently retired both companies to dedicate herself to other interests, including the production of fine art. This past summer she had paintings on display in galleries in Saratoga and Schuylerville, New York.

SANDRA CERCHIO

Sandra Cerchio started as a self-taught portrait artist working in graphic and pastel. Her background profession in architectural and engineering drafting gives her work a technical precision while maintaining grace and originality. Always looking for new challenges, Sandra studied oils at a private studio in Jersey City. She continued her studies at Saint Peter's College under the Director of the Fine Arts Department. Today, she teaches art classes to adults and children both semi-privately and in the local community schools.

ANDREA EPSTEIN

Andrea Epstein, an award-winning artist, has a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design and an MFA from Yale. She has taught students of all ages at the Hewitt School in NYC and the JCC in West Orange, NJ. For several years, Andrea ran Andrea's Art Barn in Maplewood, NJ. She has exhibited her work in numerous galleries and exhibitions.

SHERI FINVER

Sheri Finver was passionate about art at a young age when she started taking drawing and painting classes. She continued to pursue her passion in college where she studied Graphic Design at The Fashion Institute of Technology and Advertising/Art Direction at The School of Visual Arts both in New York City. After college, she was Art Director at Liz Claiborne and Christian Dior Perfumes responsible for all packaging and graphic design. More recently she was a freelance graphic designer for a variety of companies including Ugly Dolls, Guerlain Inc. and Face Stockholm. Sheri is currently the staff Graphic Designer in the JCC's Marketing Department.

RONNIE GOLAND

Ronnie Goland, a lover of art and children, studied Human Services with a concentration in Early Childhood Education. She has worked on-staff and freelance in the graphic arts industry producing, editing and creating brochures, letterhead, mailers and logos for corporate and non-profit companies. In her third year as the JCC preschool art teacher, Ronnie teaches an arts appreciation curriculum that explores the works of masters of the art world.

MIRIAM JACOBS

Miriam Jacobs is a published artist and is represented by SpeakEasy Art Gallery in Boonton, NJ. She teaches in public and private schools, her home, Arts Unbound, Rock, Paper, Scissors, the Newark Museum and the Montclair Art Museum. Miriam has exhibited and sold her drawings and textile work in museums and galleries in the United States, Israel and Africa. She accepts commissions for tallitot and chuppot.

DEBRA F. LIVINGSTON

Debra F. Livingston has a BFA in printmaking from Rhode Island School of Design. She has taught all ages from preschool through seniors at the Visual Arts Center of NJ and various schools throughout New Jersey. Her work is exhibited in numerous galleries and museums including the Museum of Modern Art, the National Gallery of Art and the Victoria and Albert Museum in England. Debra and her family have been JCC members for over 20 years.

VICKI PARKER

Vicki Parker has studied at Parsons School of Design, NY, the School for Visual Arts, NY and the Visual Arts Center of NJ. She has done a wide range of course study in graphic design and printmaking, intaglio, etching and lithography, papermaking, sculpture and ceramics. In addition to being part of several corporate collections, her work has been displayed at the Noyes Museum of Art in Oceanville, NJ, Watchung Art Center in Watchung, NJ and the Visual Arts Center of NJ in Summit, NJ. Vicki has also received several awards and honorable mentions for her work.

JEAN ROSEN

Jean Rosen studied art at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of Arts in New Brunswick and the DuCret School of Arts in Plainfield. As a portrait artist, Jean prefers to use pastels to paint people and pets, and when painting landscapes and botanical subjects, she uses a combination of water colors and pastels. Jean has taught art to a variety of students. Her avocations are gardening, painting and teaching.

SHARI SELTZER

Shari Seltzer is a mixed-media artist who stretches the rules to find beauty in the ordinary. A graduate of Rutgers' Mason Gross School of Art in New Brunswick and an experienced NJ certified art educator, her award-winning work has been widely exhibited in the tri-state area, including the Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art and The Skirball Center in New York. Visit her website www.shariseltzer.com.

LINDSEY SHEVKUN

Lindsey Shevkun is a visual artist who works primarily with acrylic paints while incorporating a variety of other media into her work. In addition, she currently serves as an art educator at an urban high school in New Jersey where she spearheads the mural arts program she founded in 2008. Her formal training has roots on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean as she lived and trained in Rome, Italy as part of her undergraduate studies from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University in Philadelphia



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