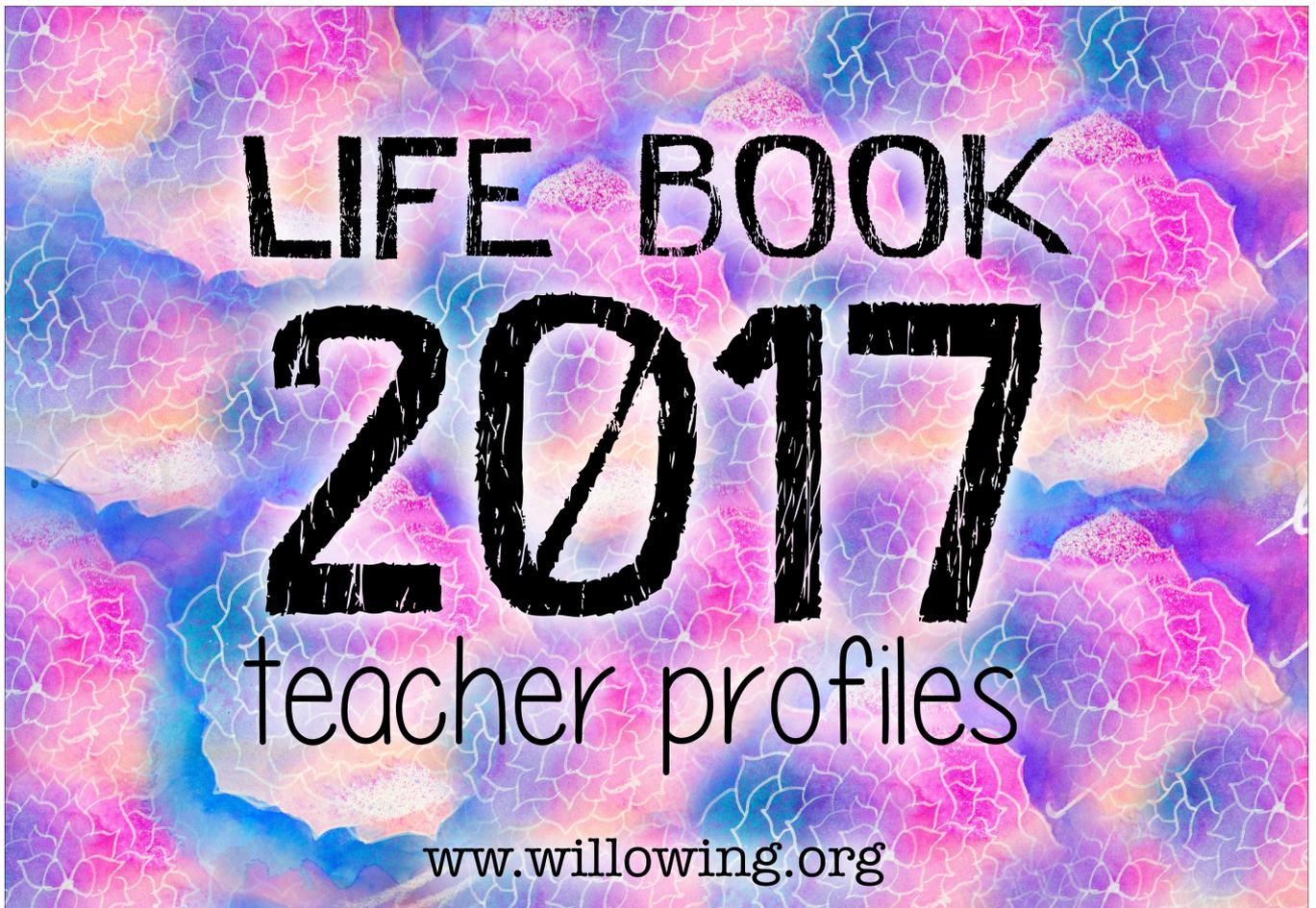




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PROUDLY PRESENTS



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Misty Mawn

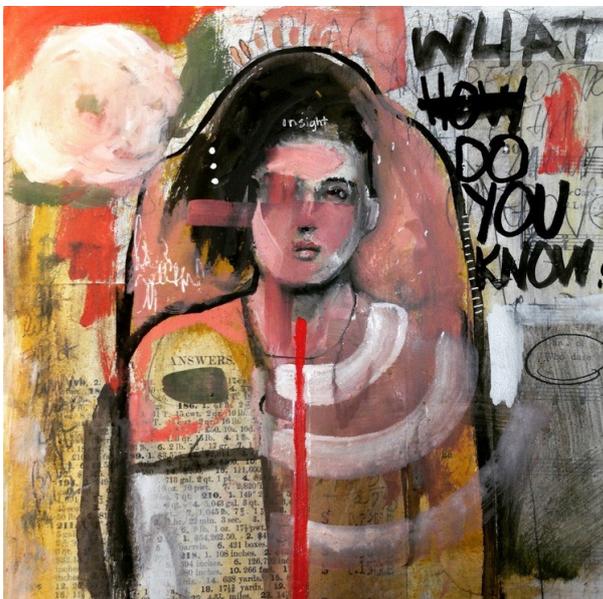
www.mistymawnart.com

Misty Mawn is a full time artist, international art instructor, avid photographer, mom to two teenage children, and a wholehearted dreamer.



She loves to stay up late into the night creating anything from paintings, to jewelry, to pottery. She loves being creative in the kitchen and sharing great food with friends and family over inspiring conversations. Other hobbies include hiking daily with her Virginia Polar Bear (a.k.a. a Great Pyrenees), exploring new and old places with her family, a little yoga, consuming audio books & podcasts, and rearranging the furniture.

She's passionate about life and tries her best to live each day fully. She is the author of Unfurling, a mixed media workshop.



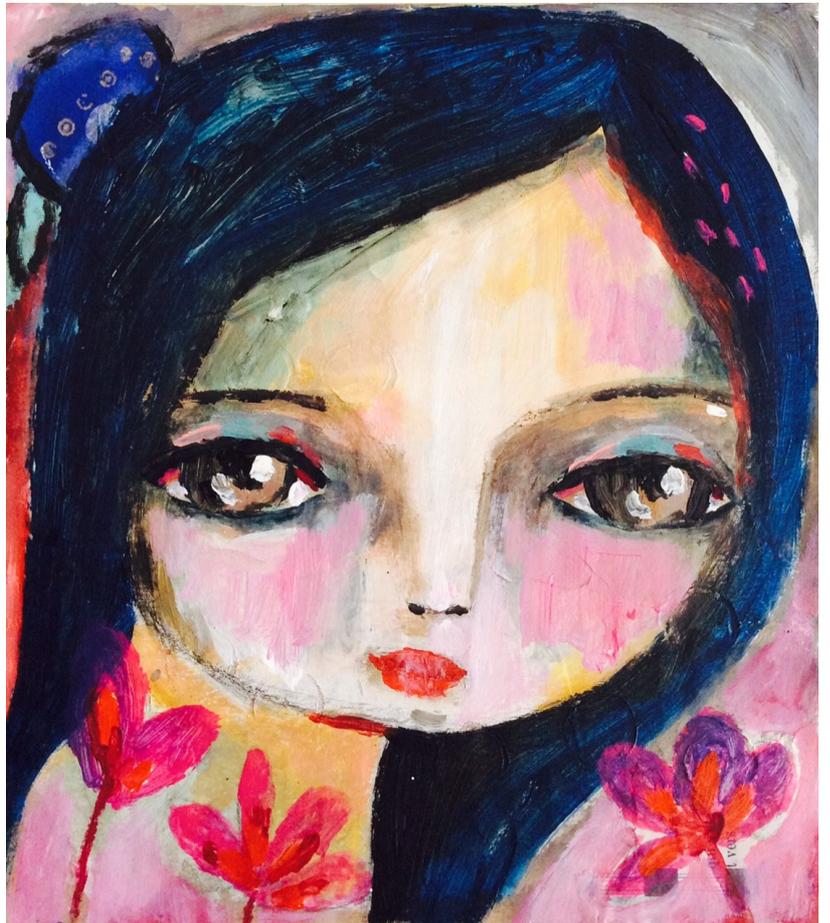


Susana Tavares

www.ateliersusanatavares.blogspot.com

Hi! I am Susana Tavares and I am a mixed media artist from Portugal, now living Brussels with my love, 3 kids and 2 dogs.

Art is a natural extension of what I naturally am, always unfolding in new, exciting directions. I am inspired by beauty and color expressing my inner world.



I believe I make art to bring simple beauty and inspiration to this world.

I believe art carries energy.

I believe in following your heart and what gives you the most joy.

I believe you and I are here on planet Earth to be happy.

I believe I am guided and loved by source.

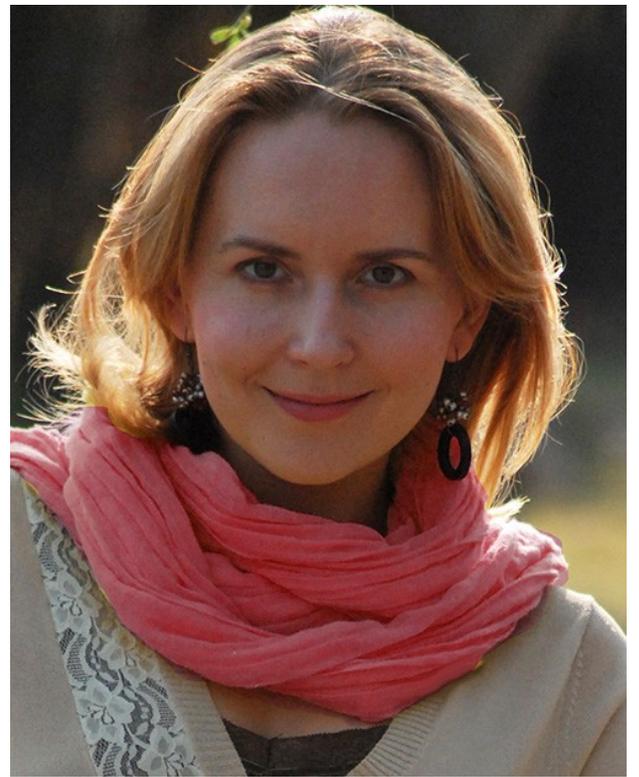
May I bring you glimpses of magic.

Annie Hamman

www.anniehamman.com

I work mainly in acrylics, but love any other media and mix them all the time to play and to learn. I am originally Russian but for the past 18 years I reside in South Africa, not far from Cape Town.

Art is my passion and I am engaged in creative activities daily. If I don't paint, I am busy with crafts: clay and doll making, furniture repurposing, found objects art, shadow boxes assemblage, sewing crafts and book making.



I love journaling and have many journals, made by hand and filled with daily creative musings. I hope to share a few fresh and creative ideas with you all this year. Thank you for inviting!





Mandy van Goeije

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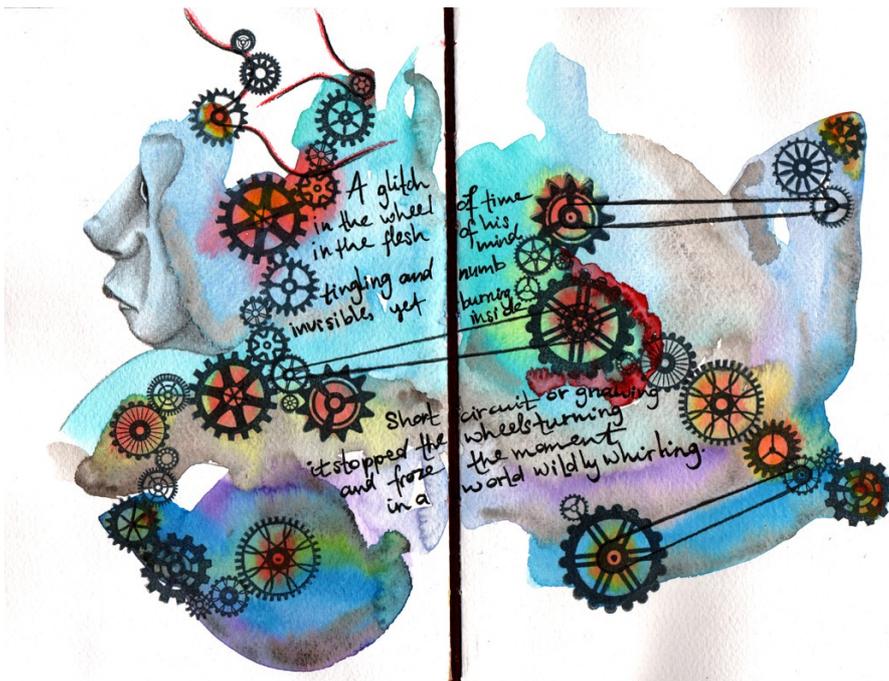
Hi! I'm Mandy van Goeije, a Dutch artist/teacher and live with my family in what our friends lovingly call "a private petting zoo" just minutes from the sea. I was formally trained to be an English teacher but I needed something more expressive. Discovering drawing and painting in my diary opened a door to a new visual language in which I could express myself a thousand times better than in words.

I quit my job and went to Art School where I discovered I did not want to be a trained artist. I wanted to be ME, to express my SELF, and find my visual voice in my OWN way. So I developed my own 'art school programme' and intensified my art making - taking private lessons from artists I admired from time to time to help me progress when I got stuck.

My Art Journal became my creative laboratory where I could try new techniques, materials, themes, new everything. To this date my Art Journal is still my #1 art test dummy and

thus the birthing place for my art. It is also the place where I lay down thoughts and feelings for which there is little place in the world.

My mind is a sponge-and-processor-in-one to all impulses around me. I literally find inspiration in everything and my work is always different. And I'm completely okay with that. Watercolor and gouache are my besties but I'm also smitten with mixed media. How great the excitement when I learned to combine the both!



My work's been exhibited in art shows and has been published in several books and magazines. But passing this visual language on is my passion, so I work on creating inspiring (online) art classes mostly. I simply love actively helping people in the process of finding their own unique visual voice like I found mine. I wish you tons of fun doing my workshop!



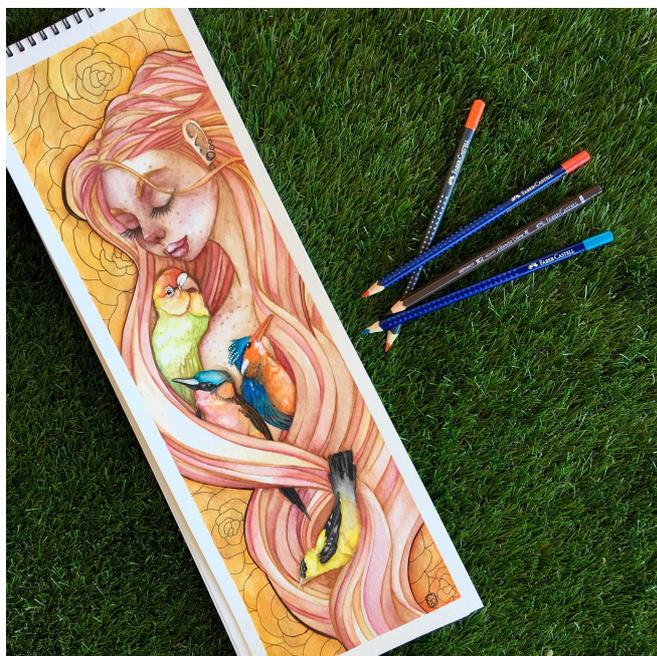
Jamie Dougherty

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Jamie has been involved in the arts since her late teens. She is a self taught artist and her skills range everything from fine arts, mixed media, all the way to graphic design and sculpting Jamie has been in the crafting industry for the past ten years and is currently a Featured artist for Faber-Castell Design Memory Craft and Princeton Artist Brushes.



She has had two successful signature collections produced with Prima Marketing Inc, called the Bloom Collection and Creating In Faith™. Her first collection stemmed off of her fine art pieces which have been lovingly dubbed "Bloom Girls". Jamie's Bloom Girls have become a signature of her's and she teaches feminine styled workshops internationally. She lives in Southern California with her husband Lance and their two children.





France Papillon

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My name is France, but I live in Belgium with my 2 kids, 2 mares, dog and cat. After discovering scrapbooking in 2001, I became a full time mixed media artist in 2010.

The mix of soft grunge, color, texture and rusted or vintage embellishments are the main ingredients of my tags, books, altered art and art journaling.

To tell my story, I like to play with inky techniques, just like a writer juggling with words. In my classes and tutorials, these techniques allow me to offer a comfort zone to the participants, while guiding them to tell their own story, to reveal their own creative enthusiasm.

Being a designer for Stampotique and being Brand Ambassador for the Finnabair brand and for ColourArte, I enjoy sharing all things artsy with the people around me.

Sharing is such an important part of art to me, that teaching classes doesn't feel like enough. So in November 2011, I started a video series on YouTube called 'Journal on Monday'. We celebrated the 100th episode in August 2014 and till this day, a new video is added on a regular basis.



Lindsay Weirich

www.thefrugalcrafter.wordpress.com

Lindsay Weirich started her professional art career as an art teacher at The Art Studios of Bangor which she later took over and ran. She has worked as the Art Director at Hammond Street Senior Center and has created several art camp programs for children.



When she became a mother she closed her school so she could care for her then 2 year old son and twin babies (now 13 and 11 years old respectively) and since she left her school she has made her living writing and designing art and craft projects from dozens of painting and crafting magazines.

Lindsay owns a popular blog and YouTube channel called The Frugal Crafter which she creates daily art and DIY tutorials for. She lives with her husband and 3 children in Maine USA.



Leilani Joy

www.leilanijoy.com

A native of Northern California, Leilani Joy grew up illustrating the world around her. In 2009, she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration from the Academy of Art University, San Francisco.



Leilani's works have since been featured in numerous publications, product lines and gallery shows worldwide, and she has recently become a permanently featured artist at Disney's Wonderground Gallery, in Anaheim, CA. Leilani's works are influenced primarily by Japanese animation, folklore, fantasy, and pop surrealism. Her emotive long-limbed ladies are brought to life using vivid color, graphic shapes and a variety of materials including acrylic, watercolor, ink and 3D collage. In 2009, Leilani launched her first ever YouTube Channel, Art NuVogue, and she has been sharing her creative process ever since! 7 years, and 50,000+ YouTube subscribers later, Leilani's love of creation and desire to educate young artists has inspired her to launch her own online art school, ArtNuVogueU.com!



Connie Solera

www.dirtyfootprints-studio.com

With 20+ years of experience teaching art and working as a full time artist, Connie Solera -- the founder of Dirty Footprints Studio and 21 SECRETS art journaling programs, offers a mystical approach to painting grounded in tradition.



Through workshops, retreats, and mentoring, Connie lovingly guides artists to dig deep, experiment wildly, and discover new techniques and approaches that excavate their innate gifts, enhance their unique strengths, and help them thrive as heart guided artists.



Julie Fei-Fan Balzer

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Julie Fei-Fan Balzer is a painter, collage artist, and avid memory keeper. She is the host of the half-hour crafting TV shows [Scrapbook Soup](#) and [Make It Artsy](#) (both air on PBS). You can catch her every now and then on HSN (Home Shopping Network) as well. Look for her stamp

carving book, "[Carve Stamp Play](#)" anywhere that books are sold.

Julie designs stencils for The Crafter's Workshop, stamps for Art Foamies and Impression Obsession. She is proud to be a spokesperson for the [Brother ScanNCut](#). Julie [blogs about art](#) almost every day and hosts the bi-monthly "[Adventures in Arting Podcast](#)" along with her Mother.



You can take a class from Julie online, via DVD (available from Interweave), or in person! Follow Julie's artistic adventures on [instagram](#) and get to know her goofball personality on her [YouTube channel](#).



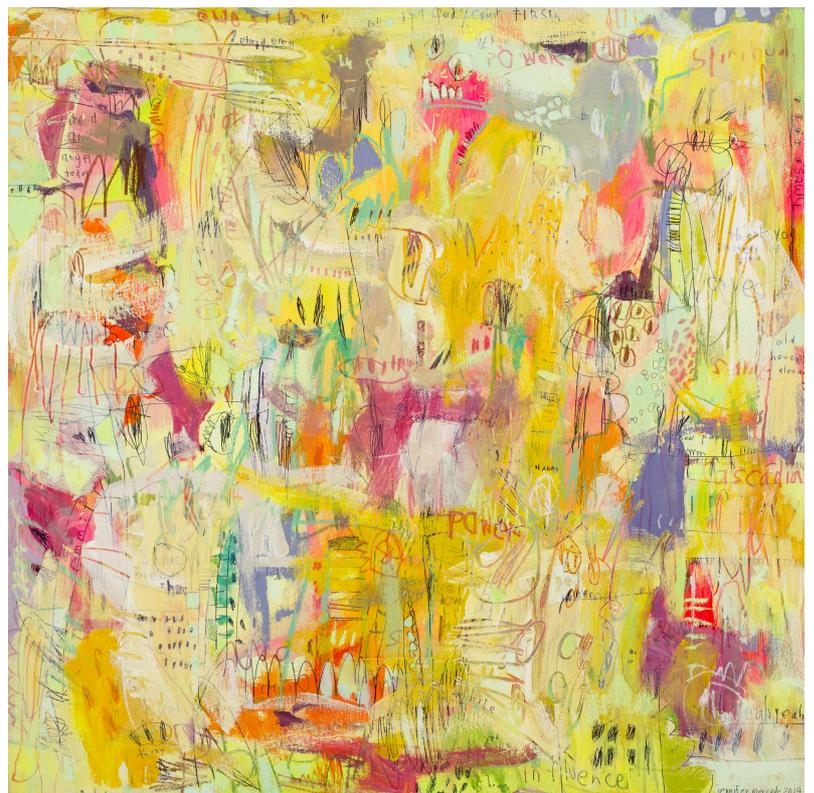
Jennifer Mercede

www.jennifermercede.com

Originally from the East Coast, and now living in Portland, OR, Jennifer Mercede's primarily abstract paintings consist of free flow text, bright color fields, and energetic doodling. She is inspired by funky color combinations, children's art, graffiti and abstract expressionism.



Her process is spontaneous and expressive. To quote Mercede, "I paint fast. I doodle. I paint stream of consciously. For me there is no such thing as a mistake, in art, or in life!"





Andrea Gomoll

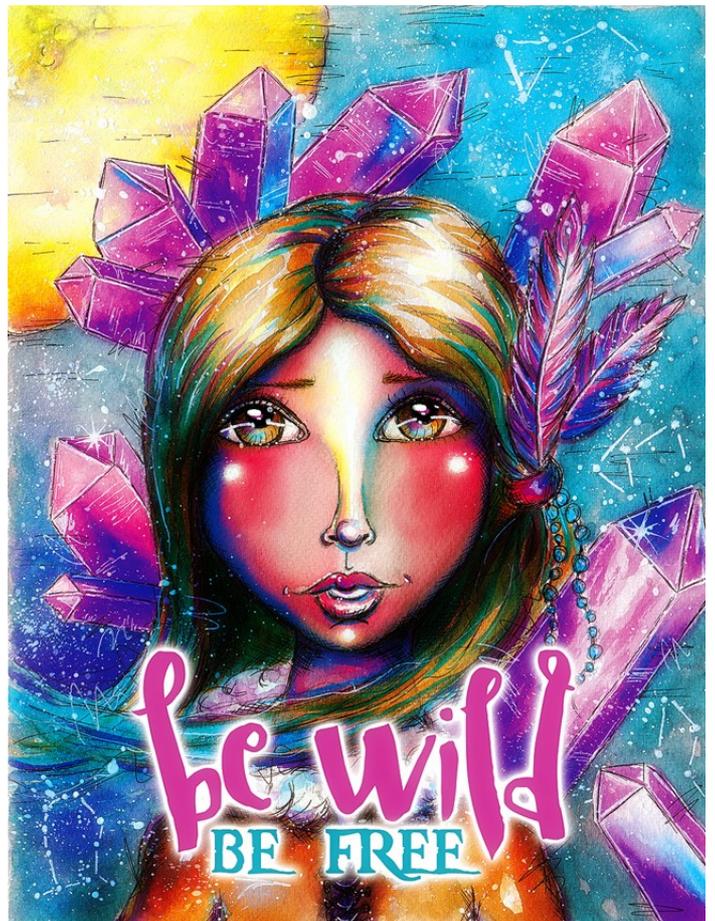
www.andrea-gomoll.de

Andrea Gomoll is a Mixed Media Artist from Berlin / Germany, where she lives with her Husband Thomas and 2 crazy Cats. She studied Media Design in Berlin and then spend her days working in an Advertising Agency for many Years, designing for major german Magazines. "I loved my job, but felt the urgent need to "get out" and do something more creative - something that would allow me to create from my heart.

I always loved crafting & being creative - having my hands covered with Paint, Ink & Glue always made me happy and I always dreamed of doing that for a living one Day ... making Art and sharing my Passion for Art with others."

In 2009 she took the leap - turned her Passion into a Business - and is working fulltime as an Artist, Art Instructor, Designer & Wedding Photographer ever since. "It was one of the best decisions I ever made - following my dream!"

"I love Artjournaling, Mixed Media Art & Painting in a whimsical Style. Being creative with Paints, Inks, Pens, Markers etc. is essential for me - it helps through the rough days and makes the good days even better. Art can help you in so many ways - it has a positive impact on your life - and I love to inspire and enable others to play, have fun creating and to discover the artist within, just waiting to be nurtured."



Social Media:

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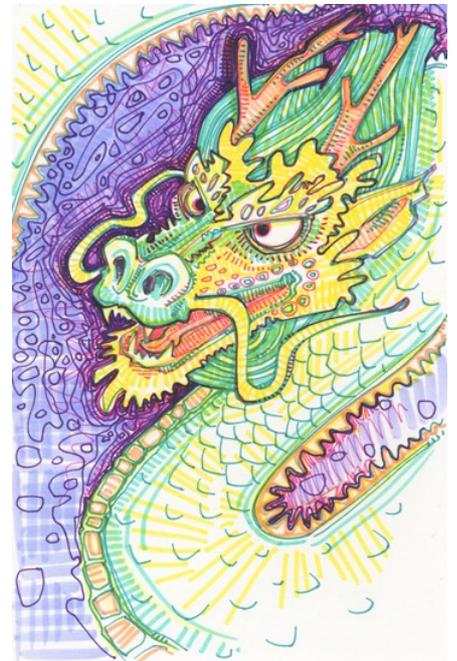
Gwenn Seemel

www.gwennseemel.com

Gwenn Liberty Seemel is named after the Liberty Bell, a cracked ding-dong with a venerable history. For over a decade, Gwenn has made her living mostly by painting and drawing, but also by selling art books and earning grant money. Her work has been featured on Scientific American, Tech Dirt, BoingBoing, and Hyperallergic among other exciting places on the Interwebs.



Known for her radical free culture advocacy, Gwenn speaks regularly about how copyright damages creativity and interrupts artists' ability to make a living with their art, most recently at TEDxGeneva and at the Rencontres Mondiales du Logiciel Libre. Born in Saudi Arabia in 1981, Gwenn has lived most of her life in France and in the US. She claims Portland, Oregon as her hometown, and she currently lives and works on Long Beach Island in New Jersey.





Donna Mulholland

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"I believe that a piece of art is not really a thing, it is an experience. It's interactive, it takes you somewhere. It invites in memories or emotions or desires. What you experience may not be the same as the person standing next to you ... or even the artist." ~ Donna Mulholland

An explorer by nature, the process of creating is my passion and my path. Intuition is my passport. Paint is the magic medium that I most commonly travel with. Bold colour is my language. I work primarily in acrylic these days, although my work has greatly benefited from years of art journaling in watercolour. My expressive abstract paintings invite you to experience the enthusiasm, freedom and possibility of travelling with me, and encourage you to do some exploring on your own. For those who connect with my work, the magic of the experience remains in each piece to serve as both an inspiration and a reminder.



My work can be found in private collections across North America, in the United Kingdom, and in New Zealand. My teaching is informed by a background as a civil servant, a coach and a yoga teacher. I'm returning to teaching after several years of focusing primarily on painting, studying and exhibiting ... and believe you me; this introvert is looking forward to the human contact! I create and live in beautiful Atlantic Canada with my husband and three sons.

Vicky Papaioannou

www.clips-n-cuts.com

Vicky Papaioannou is a popular art journal blogger and independent designer. She has a very popular youtube channel where she shares how-to videos of her projects. Before following her passion for crafting, she was a high school computer teacher.



Now, she travels around the world teaching art journal workshops and works as an independent designer for many craft companies. She lives in Greece, in the suburbs of Thessaloniki, with her husband, her two children and her ginger cat!



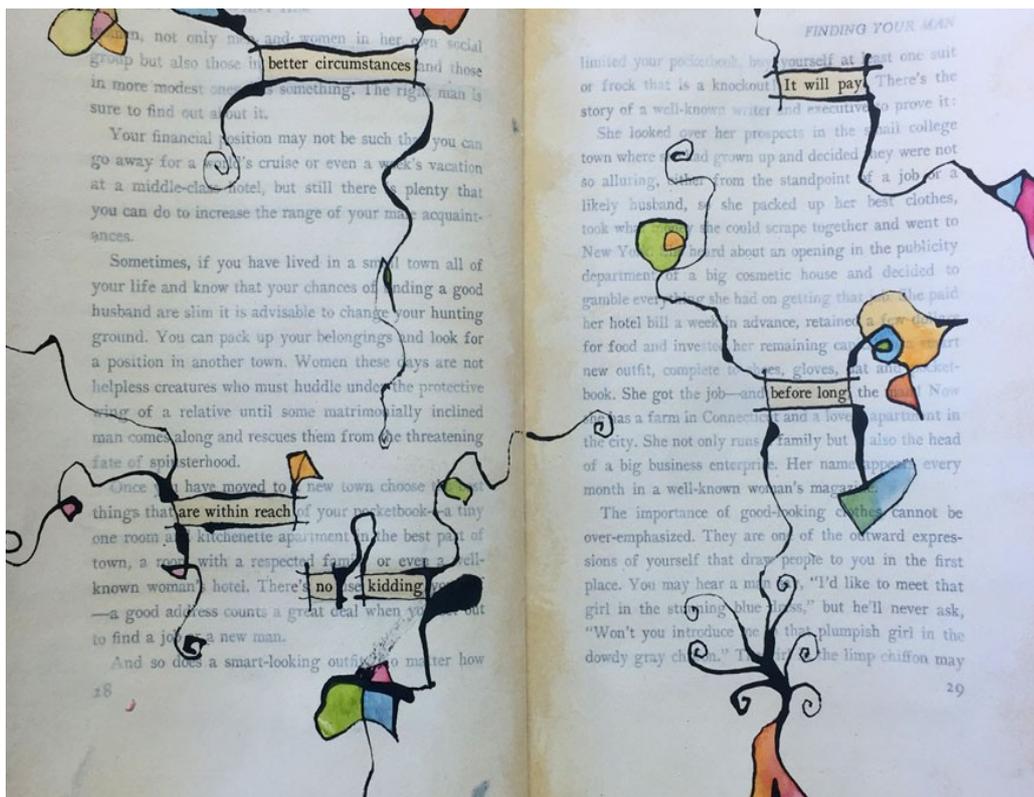
Melissa Dinwiddie

www.melissadinwiddie.com

A former “non-creative person” and recovering perfectionist, Melissa Dinwiddie is an artist, author, speaker, performer, and creativity instigator, who helps people reclaim their innate entitlement to create, so they can stop living in monochrome and start living full-color creative lives.

She’s on mission to change the conversation around creative expression and play, because not only does creating make you feel more alive – it’s how you change the world!

Melissa shares her writings, artwork, and music on her blog, *Living A Creative Life*, where you can also find her podcast, *Live Creative Now!*



Whitney Freya

www.whitneyfreya.com

Whitney Freya has been facilitating creative learning since 1996 when she opened The Creative Fitness Centre. Since then she has travelled globally as a creativity expert, published two books on personal creativity and founded her Creatively Fit Coaching Certification Program to ensure as many people as possible remember their infinite creative nature in as supportive a way as possible.



She has facilitated her process at The Esalen Institute, Burning Man, The AgapeSpiritual Centre and creativity conferences in South Africa, Dubai, Canada and the U.S. She has appeared on summits alongside Dr Wayne Dyer, Donna Eden & more. Humanitarian News recognized Whitney for her work with Women for Women International.

She lives in the “wild west” of NE Oregon with her three teenagers, who LOVE to “think creatively!”.

Learn more and connect with WhitneyFreya.com





Wendy Brightbill

www.agirlandherbrush.com

Wendy is a wife to a total computer geek and a mother to three beautiful girls. When she is not snuggling littles or kissing booboo's, you can find her telling stories with a paintbrush.

She feels most at home with Pikes Peak out her dining room window or making culinary masterpieces in the kitchen.

Wendy picked up her paintbrush after a car accident rearranged her life. She found that painting brought healing and order to her once fractured brain. Wendy is a recovering perfectionist practicing the art of letting go daily. She has learned to embrace messes, especially when they involve paint.



Her favorite word is serendipity, which means: *the faculty or phenomenon of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for.* Wendy deeply believes that even in the broken places, there is always beauty to be found if you are only willing to look for it.

Effy Wild

www.effybird.com

Effy Wild discovered art journaling in 2009, and her life has changed completely as a result.



She focuses on process over finished product, and art as a portal to self-inquiry and healing.

You can find her at <http://effybird.com>



Shelley Klammer

www.expressiveartworkshops.com

Twenty years ago, during a period of family crisis and loss, my art as a gallery artist wanted to become inner-directed and my spontaneous creativity greatly intensified. It was during that time of emotional upheaval that I pulled my work out of the art gallery and became a passionate keeper of private expressive art journals.

For many years thereafter, I devoted myself to emotionally exploring one expressive art practice at a time until each journal was complete. I deeply delved into spontaneous painting, drawing and collage, as well as intuitive mandala and writing practices.

Ten years ago, I began to share my expressive art practices with others. I earned my counselling designation in transpersonal psychology, started teaching expressive art and writing e-courses around the world through my online therapy practice, and I facilitated expressive art in Canada's largest art studio for older adults.



I now work full-time as a counsellor and an online expressive art educator, and I am unabashed in my enthusiasm for the power of the expressive arts to heal emotional pain, enlighten mental confusion, illuminate possibilities, and release the very best of who we authentically are into the world.

I just love how spontaneous art brings out what is unacknowledged into the light of the present moment to be accepted, understood, loved and integrated. Expressive art frees us to play, loosen up and unravel who we think we are, so that we can remember our original selves!

For Life Book 2017 I am excited to share my intuitive mandala "techniques" with you, in that often we need a little bit of help to loosen up in order to be surprised in our art making process again. Sometimes we need a contained practice and a safe structure to rediscover hidden parts of ourselves that we do not usually express.

Jodi Ohl

www.jodiohl.com

Jodi Ohl is a mixed media author and instructor out of Aberdeen, NC. Her acrylic paintings are widely known for their contemporary compositions full of color, texture, and often a bit of whimsy. Jodi's work has been featured in dozens of magazines such as Cloth Paper Scissors, Somerset Studios, Artful Blogging, Art Journaling as well as having authored several art DVDs.



Her first solo book, "Abstracts in Acrylic and Ink", published by North Light Books, is set to be released in December of 2016.



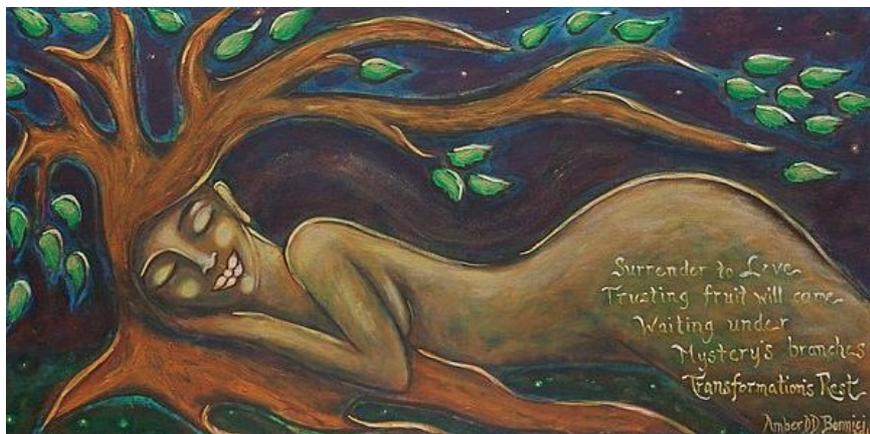
Amber Kuileimailani Bonnici

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Amber Kuileimailani Bonnici is an intuitive creativity coach who helps women access their intuition and creativity. She guides creatives to get their book/ art/ workshop/ creative business out of their heads into the world. She has helped tens of thousands of women take care of themselves, awakening their creativity and passion through her Woman Unleashed Online Retreats, private and group programs.

She lives on the Big Island of Hawaii with her husband and 2 boys. When she's not working, she enjoys dancing hula, painting and swimming with dolphins.



Tracy Verdugo

www.tracyverdugo.com

"What I really, really want is to paint the world in rainbows of possibility" ~Tracy Verdugo

If Tracy Verdugo was given the opportunity to coin a term for a new art movement based around what she teaches she might call it "Curiosity and Wonderism" or maybe "Loosen-upism" or "Endless possibilitism".



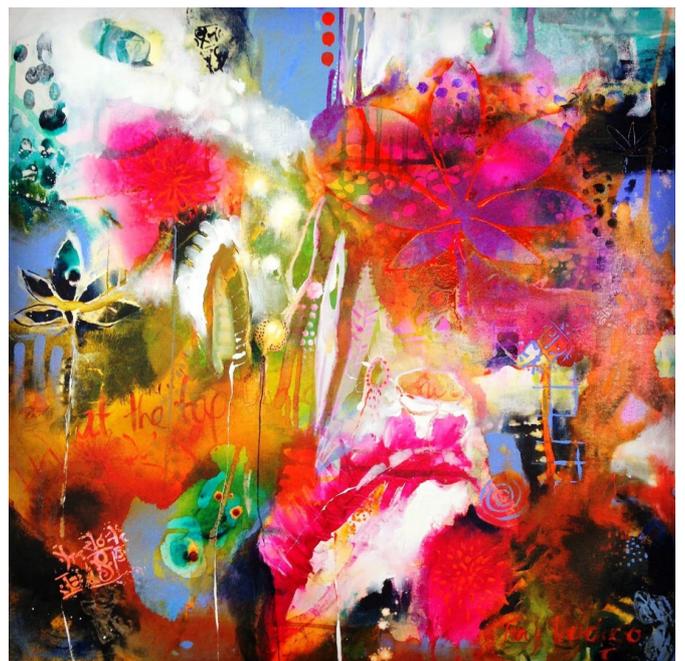
When she is not hanging out with her family in their artsy adobe home in a small village on the shores of Jervis Bay, Australia, or throwing paint around in her little purple studio in their backyard, you may find her wrangling with two large suitcases attempting to board the BART in San Francisco en route to teach at an art retreat or sitting in a circle on St Pete Beach Florida listening intently as women share their stories of creative longing.



Tracy is an inspiration instigator, prolific painter, singer/songwriter and lover of the written word, smitten traveller and soaker up of all that is beauty-full. She teaches her Paint Mojo and other creative workshops all over this amazing planet and reminds her students of the wonder that already resides within them.

Mostly though she is mama bear to two gorgeous, zest-filled daughters, Santana and Sienna, and co-adventurer in life with her amor of 28 years, the talented and brilliant Marco.

Tracy has held 16 solo exhibitions and contributed to many group shows and her works are held in collections across the globe. Her first book Paint Mojo- A Mixed Media Workshop: Creative Layering Techniques for Personal Expression was released July 2014 through North Light Publications and became an immediate bestseller.





Tamara Laporte (willowing)

www.willowing.org

Hi, I am Tam! :) I am the creator and 'inventor' of 'Life Book', a year long mixed media art course that will begin its sixth round of miracle-making on January 1st 2017. On this course I hope to inspire people from all walks of life to connect with, celebrate and honour themselves through the magic of art making! I will be the lead course teacher and provide a minimum of 9 mixed media art lessons throughout the year in combination with a series of seriously awesome and ridiculously talented other mixed media artists. After the mega success of Life Book in the past 5 years (over 12,500+ people have joined in - wow), I feel super excited, elated, joyous and over the moon to be running a sixth year of Life Book, yay! :-)) Here is a bit about me:



Tamara Laporte (also known as 'willowing') is a creative catalyst of thousands of beautiful people. She is a celebrated mixed media artist and art teacher who has been running her own creative business since late 2008. [Her work](#) can be described as "mixed media folk art". It ranges from whimsical children's illustrations to a more stylised fantasy art. Love, mystery, innocence, hope, spirituality, kindness and self-connection inspires her art work. Symbolism and layering play a big part in her work. Her paintings often contain healing themes, uplifting messages and inspirational poetry.

Tam believes that the act of creating art can be a gateway into healing and personal growth - often, her [art classes](#) contain an element of self development as well as learning art techniques. She is deeply devoted to helping people get in touch with their creative fire and would [love to help YOU too](#) to get in touch with the artist in you!

Deeply passionate and caring for the well-being of the world and its people, Tam works tirelessly to bring uplifting, nourishing, creative and empowering content to her amazing tribe of over **32,000+** souls.

Her work and articles have been published in [several art magazines and books](#) and [she's been interviewed for several online radio stations](#). She runs a variety of popular art classes on her [ning network](#) which has over **26,500+** members and grows with about 150-200 mixed enthusiasts each month!

Tam lives and works in the South of England with her handsome husband Andy, two magical boys Dylan & Elliot, 4 guinea pigs and Gizmo the dog. She is supported in the studio by 2 fabulous ladies; the glitter-filled [Gracie Howle](#) and the unicorn-riding [Maddie Turner](#).

