



Education Guide

July 12 – October 7, 2022

ArtC: Clique22

Opening Reception:

Third Thursday, July 21st, 2022, 5 – 7 pm

Clique22 brings together southern New Jersey's brightest artists and photographers. Art always looks good. In the summer and fall of 2022, it will never look better.

Clique22 is a unique collaboration; photographers and other artists combining forces for a unique perspective of the artist as art. Clique22 will give the photographers and artists a unique opportunity; the technical support and creative freedom to create spectacular images that say wow! The exhibits will showcase both the photographers' unique portraits and include work by each artist. Five photographers will create portraits of 16 visual and performing artists. It was created by and for the southern New Jersey arts community. Together, the artists and photographers live and work in six counties of southern New Jersey; Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem

Clique22 aims to shine a spotlight on the creative force that drives the arts in South Jersey - the artists. The show will provide both superb documentary photos to the artists and striking portfolio opportunities to the photographers. More importantly, as with the 2016 premiere event and the recent Clique21, it will boost morale and pride in the South Jersey art community.

About ArtC - www.artcnow.com

ArtC is a coalition dedicated to promoting the arts in southern New Jersey. It is a group of passionate artists and other professionals pursuing creative endeavors and bringing together unique experiences and points of view. It creates of network of people such as entrepreneurs promoting the arts; artists, photographers, and writers; art teachers and educators; and museums, galleries and other institutions. ArtC was founded with the goal of shining a light on the arts and creative culture and to give a voice to the population of artists in southern New Jersey. It is open to artists, organizations, and individuals engaged in producing, promoting, teaching, and pursing real and good art. ArtC is dedicated to illuminating the distinction between excellence and mediocrity in the arts.

Artist Biographies:

Penny Beck, Cape May, NJ – www.strobenj.org/clients/penny-beck/

Penny Beck is a mixed media artist from the Finger Lakes region of Upstate NY and attended the York Academy of Art where she majored in Fine Art. Penny uses her art to express her "inner" personality, with nature being her primary subject matter. She currently resides in Cape May, where she and a friend opened a very successful decorative painting and mural business.





Jackie Boyd, Brigantine, NJ - www.jboydfineart.com

Jackie Boyd is a painter influenced by what is familiar to her. Her work comments on her daily life, and her style of painting evokes reality but breaks from it at the same time. Jackie attended the Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts and is currently based in Brigantine, New Jersey.



Danielle Cartier, Millville, NJ - www.dcgallerystudio.com

Danielle Cartier is best known for her mural projects and large-scale, mixed media paintings made from reconstructed materials, recombined ephemera and layered printmaking and painting processes. Originally from California, she's currently based in Millville, NJ where she founded her business, DC Gallery & Studio within the Glasstown Arts District. Danielle teaches and is involved in multiple new community-based public art projects throughout the Philadelphia region and Southern New Jersey.



Rachel Citrino, Bridgeton, NJ – <u>www.rachelcitrino.com</u>

Rachel Citrino has been living and working in Southern New Jersey for almost thirty-five years. A notably active visual artist and independent curator for over fifty years in the TriState Arts community, she has exhibited in numerous group and solo exhibitions in the USA and abroad. Her work is represented in private and public collections internationally and most recently *DISSOLUTION OF A GREAT NATION, 2019*, was acquired by FPAFA.





Diane Emerson, Medford, NJ – <u>www.dianeemerson.com</u>

Diane Emerson is a full-time artist working with ceramic tile and exploring photography. Both her father and grandfather were avid photographers, and she received her first camera at age 14. Currently based in Medford, NJ, Diane's photography focuses on the tiny details of nature. Most of her work is shot with a 35mm macro on her north facing porch with natural light.





Kathy English, Sweetwater, NJ – <u>www.kathyanneenglish.com</u>

Kathy Anne English is a self-taught artist and businesswoman currently living in Sweetwater, NJ. Raised in Southern New Jersey, her family constantly encouraged her to paint the beauty of their seashore environment. The Pine Barrens and Jersey Shore has been, and always will be, the most motivating factor behind her artistic success.





John Gowdy, Galloway, NJ – <u>www.johngowdy.com</u>

John is a New Jersey based international artist specializing in unbelievable sand sculpture displays of all kinds. He is a retired fire fighter from the Atlantic City Fire Department having served 27 years, half of that time in the rank of captain. He has dedicated the rest of his life to the arts, be it painting, sculpture, or the performance of both together.





David Graeber, Westmont, NJ - www.davidgraeber.com

David's creations celebrate the memory of loved ones and the joy of special events, and capture nature's elegance and remarkable diversity. A life-long "Jerseyman," David honed his craft under the watchful eye of teachers, mentors, and friends. The "Garden State" and home of our nation's first national reserve, the million-acre Pinelands, continues to serve as David's living laboratory.





Sydnei Smithjordan, Villas, NJ – www.smithjordanarts.com

Sydnei Smithjordan is a freelance artist/illustrator with over twenty-five years in various fields of art. Beginning as a desktop publisher, she moved on to gain attention in the art market as a medical illustrator. She has worked for commercial and private venues internationally. Her works have been collected by such names as Park Overall, Whoopi Goldberg, Patti La Belle, Forrest Whitaker, Denzel Washington, Damien Escobar, and Sylvester Stallone.





Marie Natale, Egg Harbor Twp, NJ -<u>www.marienatale.com</u>

Marie Natale has been exhibited in and captured many awards for her watercolors both locally and on the national level. She currently teaches watercolor privately at her home studio as well as at the Ocean City Art Center in Ocean City, in Gloucester County, Cape May and at community centers and art guilds throughout the East Coast and abroad.





Betsy Naumchik, Galloway, NJ – <u>www.betsynaumchik.com</u>

Betsy is a lifelong resident of southern New Jersey, currently residing in Galloway where she works and teaches. She is influenced by the coastal shores, the inland pine barrens, environmental ecology, the relationship between living things and their environment, and survival. She is a signature artist at The Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts, and Strobe NJ.





Tania Pomales, Vineland, NJ – www.taniapomalesart.com

Tania is a New Jersey based Puerto Rican artist specializing in dark and surreal works created primarily in oils. As a nod to her colorful and bold heritage, Pomales incorporates bright color palettes into her art in juxtaposition with darker motifs, such as skulls and human anatomical references, to explore themes of life and death and the cyclical nature of the human experience. The importance of mental health and deep self-reflection are also fundamental themes in her body of work.





Diane Rogers, Millville, NJ - www.instagram.com/dianems1

Diane Rogers began her career as art director/owner of Piercell Advertising designing and creating advertising campaign visuals for clients. Diane spent many years freelancing as a pencil and colored pencil realistic portrait artist for the New Jersey State Police, Millville Army Airfield Museum, NJ Motorsports Park, and

Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. Currently, Diane is expanding her creative efforts to explore new tools and techniques in in pencil and mixed media for gallery shows, while continuing some commissioned work, mainly pet portraits.





William R. West, Mays Landing, NJ – www.williamwestjr.com

William R. West Jr. was born in St. Louis, Missouri. At the age of 15, his father gave him an Argus C3 Range Finder Camera. His pictures of forest fires impressed his local teacher and inspired him to continue his photography

career, in which he worked for the Atlantic City Press, Sun Newspaper, and UPI international wire services. After 1985 he began shooting fine art film photography, in 35mm and 2 1/4 format. William is currently based in Mays Landing, NJ where his work is predominantly digital based.

Photographer Biographies:

Sara Ascalon, Pine Hill, NJ -

https://www.medfordarts.com/sara-ascalon.html

Sara Ascalon is a former creative marketer and New Yorker who relocated to South Jersey in 2008. Photography gave her a creative outlet and allowed her to enter a wonderful new social circle. It drove her to seek out new subjects and explore the region surrounding her adoptive new home. The wonders of the Pineland wilderness and its inhabitants are a key part of that rejuvenating exploration.



Sara Ascalon, Photo of artist Jacqueline Boyd for Clique22



Paul Dempsey, Photo of artist Marie Natale for Clique22

Paul Dempsey, Absecon, NJ – www.pauldempseyphotography.com

Paul Dempsey is a commercial photographer based in Absecon, NJ. Paul explores artistic expression through the photographic medium. He creates compelling images that push the technical boundaries of traditional photography while presenting the viewer with a unique perspective of the subject.

Ruben Garcia, Atlantic City, NJ – <u>www.ruben.zenfolio.com</u>

Ruben Garcia is a commercial and editorial photographer with over 20 years of experience. Originally from NYC he is currently based in Atlantic City, NJ. Ruben has worked in the entertainment industry shooting red carpet events and movie premieres. He is also known for his creative model portfolios as well as portraits for fashion, beauty, and family.



Ruben Garcia, Photo of artist William West for Clique22



Bill Horin, Photo of artist Penny Beck for Clique22

Bill Horin, Linwood, NJ – <u>www.strobenj.org</u>

Bill Horin has been a commercial and editorial photographer for over 35 years. He specializes in creative photos of people. Based in Linwood, NJ, Bill is also known for his work as a documentary film producer and as an advocate for the arts and artists of southern New Jersey. He is the founder and creative director of ArtC.

Erik James Montgomery, Camden, NJ – www.ejmphoto.com
Erik James Montgomery is a fine art photographer, educator, and activist who focuses his lens on the pressing cultural and social-justice issues of our time. Initially self-taught, Montgomery went on to study at the Academy of Art University and Columbia University. Erik is the founder of the EJM Foundation and also creates public works of photo-art in underserved communities.



Erik James Montgomery, Photo of artist Rachel Citrino for Clique22

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