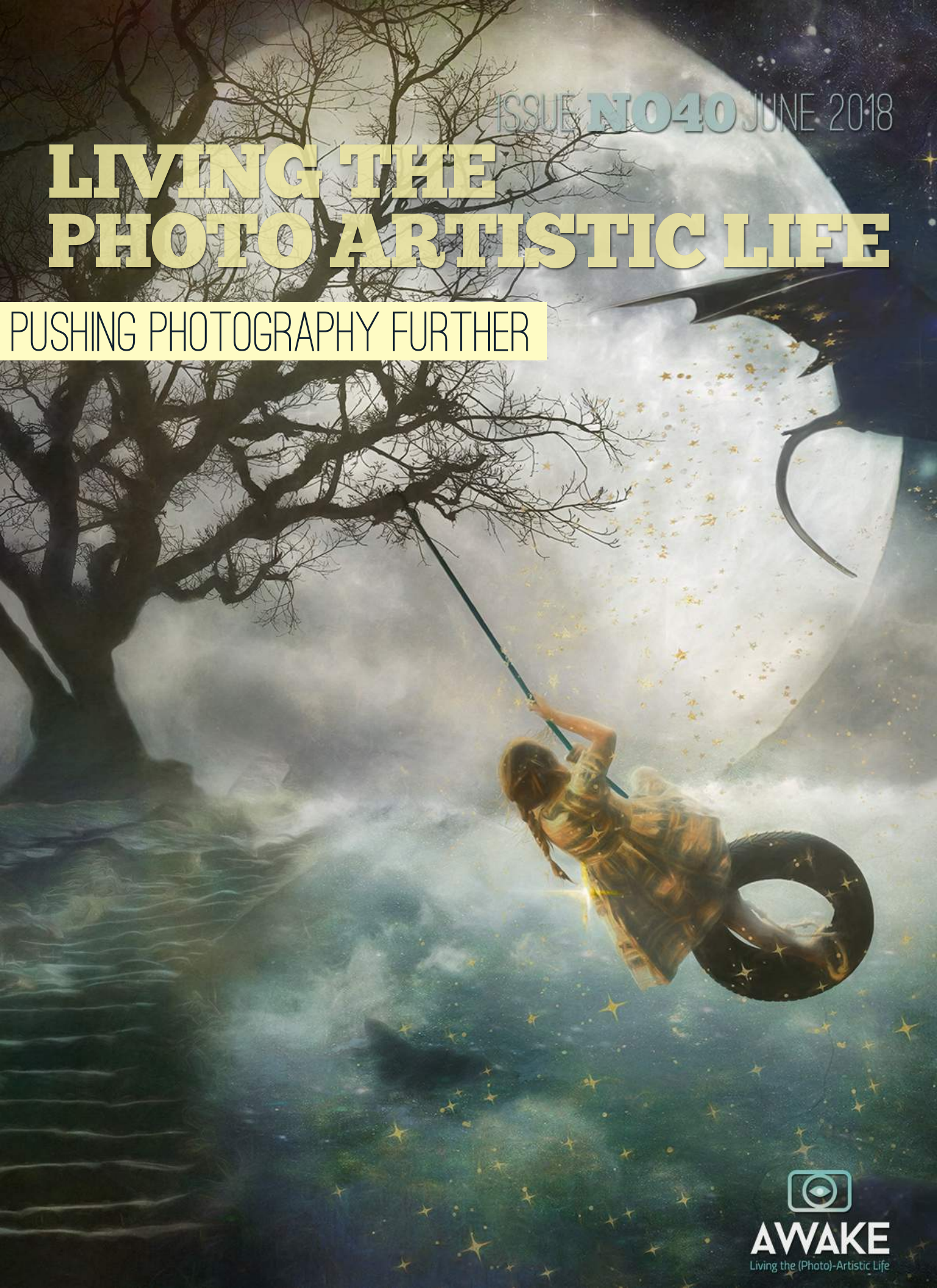


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

SEBASTIAN MICHAELS

One of the most exciting parts of this magazine every month is, actually, all the amazing stuff happening outside of it. Beyond the pages, as it were.

The artwork here is by students from "AWAKE: Living the Photo Artistic Life," the course (or experience, really) beyond the popular "Photoshop Artistry" training. And nowadays there's so much fantastic art by so many talented artists, we can't hope to fit it all in. Which is why we now see separate magazines being published every month by AWAKE students in Australia and New Zealand as well as in the UK and Europe.

Just having those other magazines rolling out each month is exciting.

And especially exciting to me are all of the stories published there celebrating the successes of our various artists around the world — the triumphs and victories enjoyed each month by so many of our artists.

The artwork published here in *Living the Photo Artistic Life* is itself a continual inspiration. And in a way, I suspect that the magazine has in itself helped encourage and motivate many AWAKE artists to take the steps they've taken, achieve the victories they've achieved.

And now . . . every month . . . we're seeing our artists

- Staging exhibitions
- Being published in top magazines
- Landing private commissions
- Selling prints (online and in galleries)

- Winning contests and juried shows
- Publishing books of art and poetry
- Licensing book cover designs
- Producing art-inspired fashion
- Fabricating cards and stationary
- Scoring commercial clients
- Establishing design roles with creative software companies
- Advancing favored charities through their art, design work, and prints
- Building successful creative photography businesses

Not that "Living the Photo Artistic Life" requires any of these pursuits.

More often than not, an artistic life is a quiet, simple, contented (if inspired and enthusiastic) life.

But all the same . . . it's exciting to see our most prolific and ambitious artists succeeding in so many ways all over the world.

Each victory, however large or small, required a very real effort, real bravery, a decision to carry a project to completion, a commitment to produce work of the highest order. And that's something worth celebrating.

I'm incredibly proud of our artists and the work of theirs we publish here each month, as I am of the other magazines featuring AWAKE artists around the world.

And I'm proud of all the amazing projects underway, all the achievements piling up month after month.

These artists are my heroes.

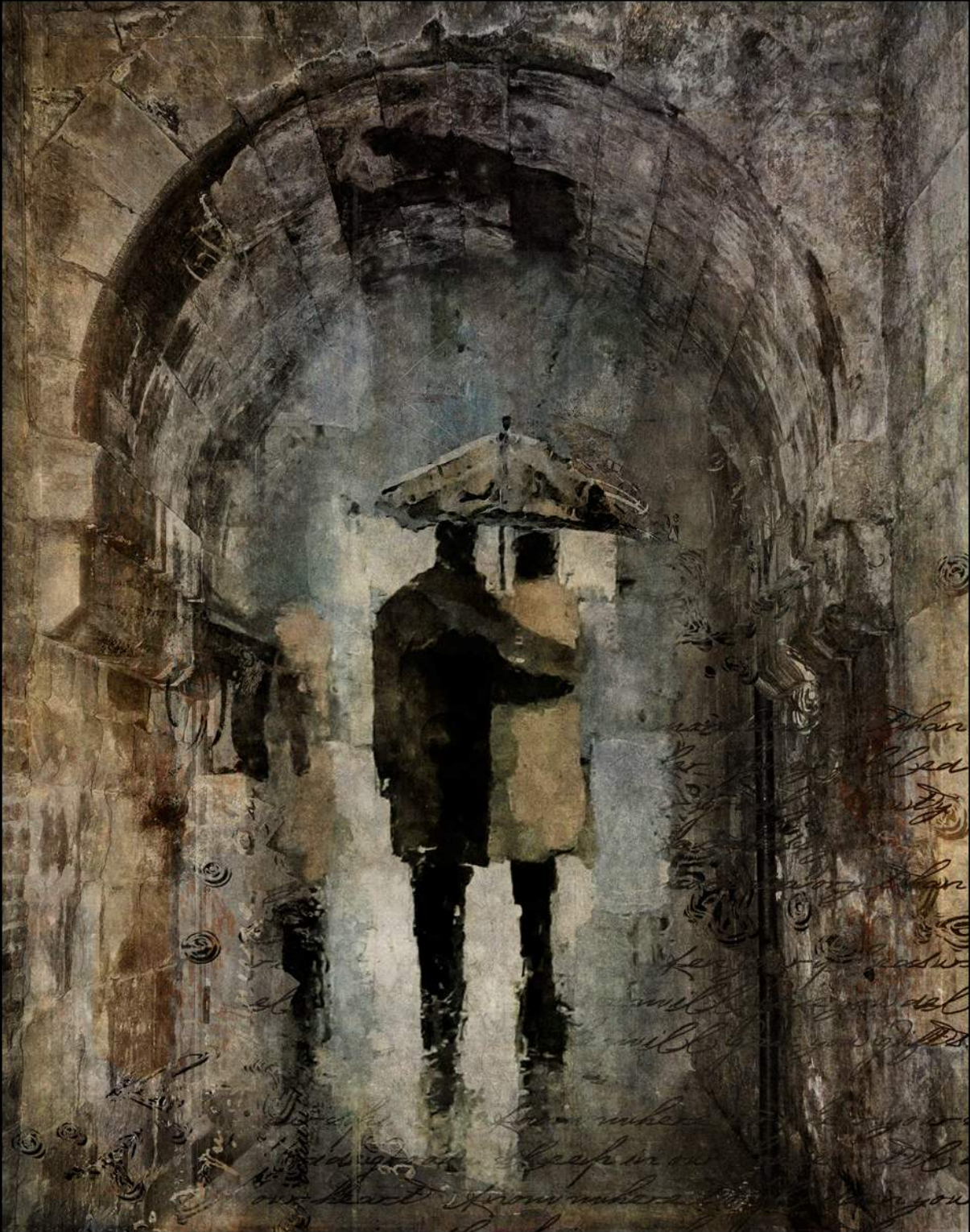
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Sky Tower

Denise McDermott
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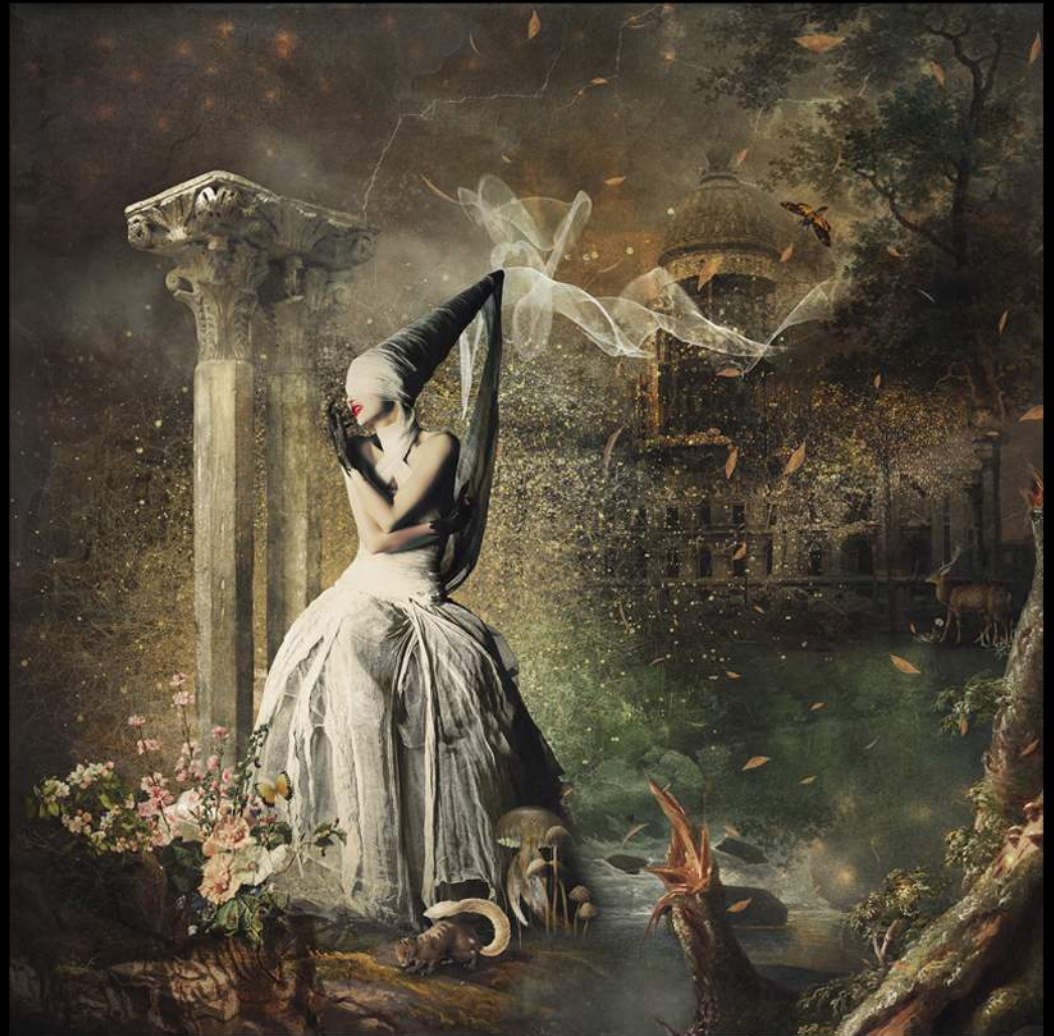
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Shelter

Laurie Baker
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Careness



Kristin Couch
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<http://www.artboja.com/stinacc>

Hidden From All

Flora



Cathrine Blan
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Listen



<https://www.behance.net/dollycathy>
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Color Muse

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The Pain

Deepak Maurya
(India)



Third Date and She Knew

Mary Ellen Sanger
(USA)

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<http://www.mesanger.wordpress.com/>

Willow

Ali Oppy
(New Zealand)



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<https://artboja.com/art/lzqpfy/>

Escape





Breena



Arethusa

Gail Edwards
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A Sea of Nothingness

Soumaya Schnur
(USA/Moroco)



Misty Morning



Anna Czekała
(France)

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Ballerine



In Summerland

Marjut Korhonen
(Finland)



A Sudden Event

<https://artboja.com/art/ly66nh/>



Migration

Phil Clark
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Enchantment

Dori Badger
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Nature Calls

Samantha Wells
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The Dreamers Dream

About Trees II



Jim Laskowicz
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Return of Mad
Hatter Tuba Clock





Still ...

August Naude
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Open for Business

Jo Wilmot
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The
Butterphant



Dale Botha
(Australia)

<https://artboja.com/art/x1el96/>

The
Egg Plant

Bizarre Love
Triangle



Sonia Pusey
(Australia)

Spellbound





Balloon House

Codie Moore
(USA)

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<http://www.codiemoore.com/>



Freydis

Billa Bozem
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Bird of Prey

Janet Sipl
(USA)





Delicate Balance

Lou Ann Donahue
(USA)

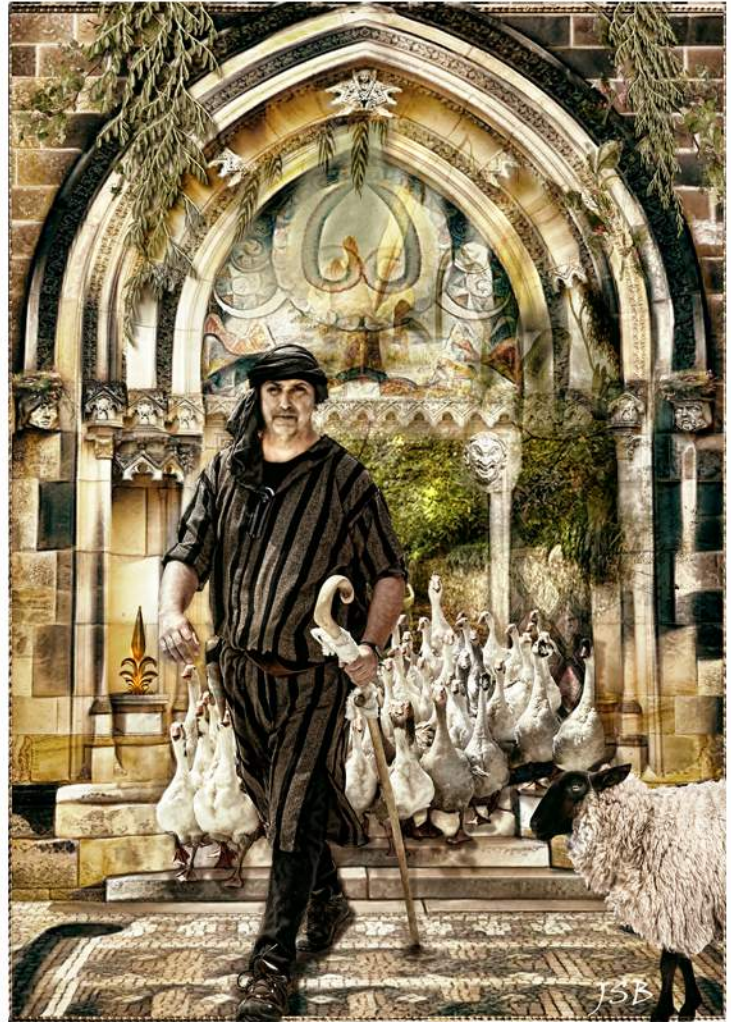
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Lily





Goosed



Goosed Again

Janice S. Batterbee
(Spain)

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In Seventh Heaven

Evelyn Elwan
(USA)

Featured Artist
Lauren Martin



Launching Universes

“ Photo artistry is a blessing, a gift beyond measure. It’s reaching out and touching beauty. It’s getting lost in the light of fantasy and embracing the shadow of reality within a safe place. It’s a grasping of things otherwise untouchable. It’s a nurturing, a healing. ”



Protector



Too Late



Just Let Me Dream

“ I always begin with an idea, which can come from anywhere — a quick scene in a movie trailer, a model, a background, a photograph, a daydream. There is always the beginning of an idea before anything starts on a canvas. ”



Shimmer

“ I get my inspiration from what I see, dream, and read. There’s more in my imagination than I know, and when it shows itself I’m so often surprised. ”

“ I don’t have a niche and think maybe I don’t want one. I enjoy the great diversity of photo artistry and find joy in creating different types of images. ”



Savannah Guardians

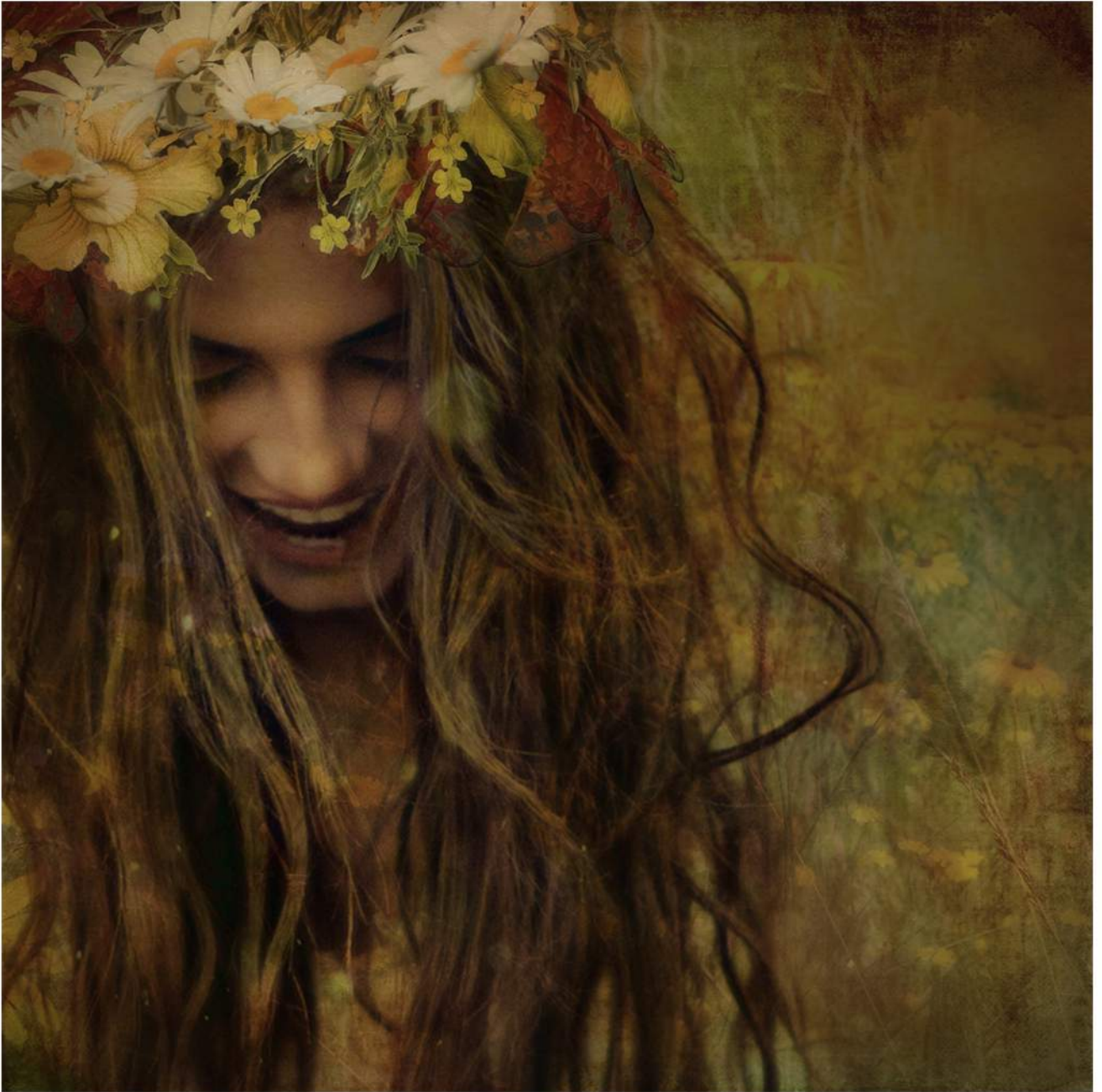


Played the Dawn

Lauren Martin

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Haight-Ashbury

Susan Crosby
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The Elissa

<http://www.rebecathompsondi.com/>
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Rebecah Thompson
(USA)

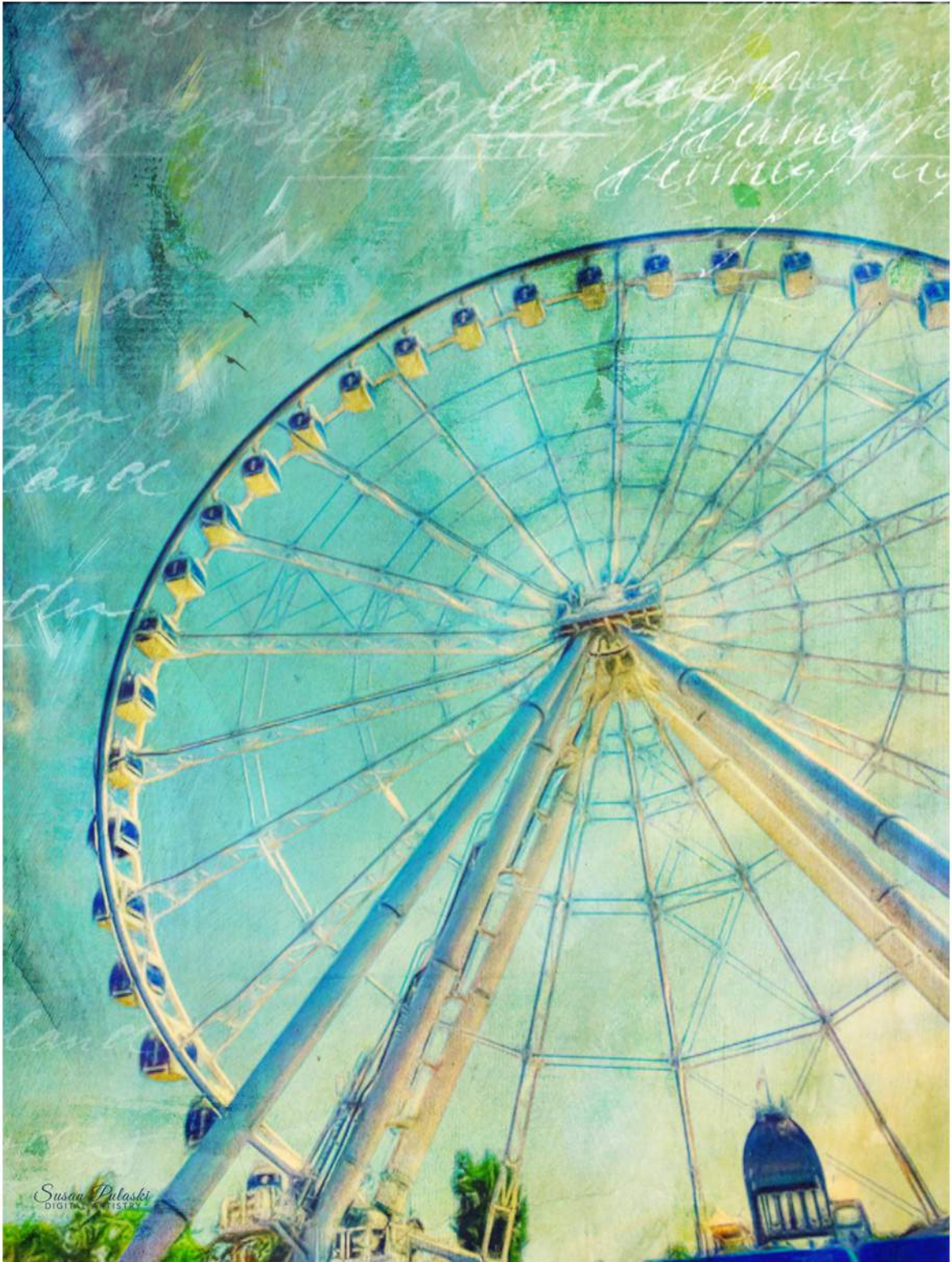
Lonely Day



Time for Tea

Nancie Rowan
(USA)





La Grande Roue Montreal

Susan Pulaski
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Elizabeth

Trish Hoskin
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The Highlands



Joyce Maris
(Australia)

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The Lady

Dance Recital



<http://www.barbaraalane.com/>
<https://artboja.com/art/y36pod/>

Barbara A Lane
(USA)

My Inspiration





Hall of Time

Bob Rude
(USA)



Uncaged, They Soared

Annemari Coetser
(South Africa)



The Surveyor

Donna Dean
(Canada)



Sunkissed

<http://www.donnadean.ca/>
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Wonderland

Maggy R.
Thorvaldsdottir Pease
(USA)

Enchantment





Feed Your Muse

Diana Haronis
(USA)

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<https://artboja.com/art/e482ju/>



Eyes of Wisdom

Barbara Dudzinska
(Australia)

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<https://artboja.com/art/7qn7s6/>



Morning
Light



TD Matthews
(USA)

Beauty

California Condor,
Back from the Brink

Lou Ann Goodrich
(USA)



Tender
Care





Artemis

Amelia Blanco
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Sailing Postcard

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Vintage Fruit





Carpe Diem, Seize the Day

Johanna Goudsblom
(New Zealand)

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<http://artboja.com/art/13enw6/>



Trunk Call

Louise Campbell
(Australia)

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<https://www.facebook.com/DigitDesignStudio>



And She Danced

Luana Laubscher
(South Africa)



The Flamingos and the Moon



Infrared Forest

<https://www.facebook.com/nbrizphotoart>
<https://artboja.com/art/wi7y8e/>

Nancy Brizendine
(USA)

Navigating
the Storm





Mysterious Allure

Tanja K. Jensen
(Denmark)



Beached

Jody Koroneos
(USA)



Mepuru

Viki Murray
(Australia)



The Call of the Cicadas

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Celestial Dancer

Charlene Maginn
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The Rendezvous

Catherine King
(USA)

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Words in
our Ears

Pond Heron

Merrilee Soberg
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Bridge to Adventure



Hidden In The Vaults

Caroline Julia Moore
(UK)

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<http://carolinejuliamoore.com/>



In Years Gone By

Laura Lipke
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Mute Swans



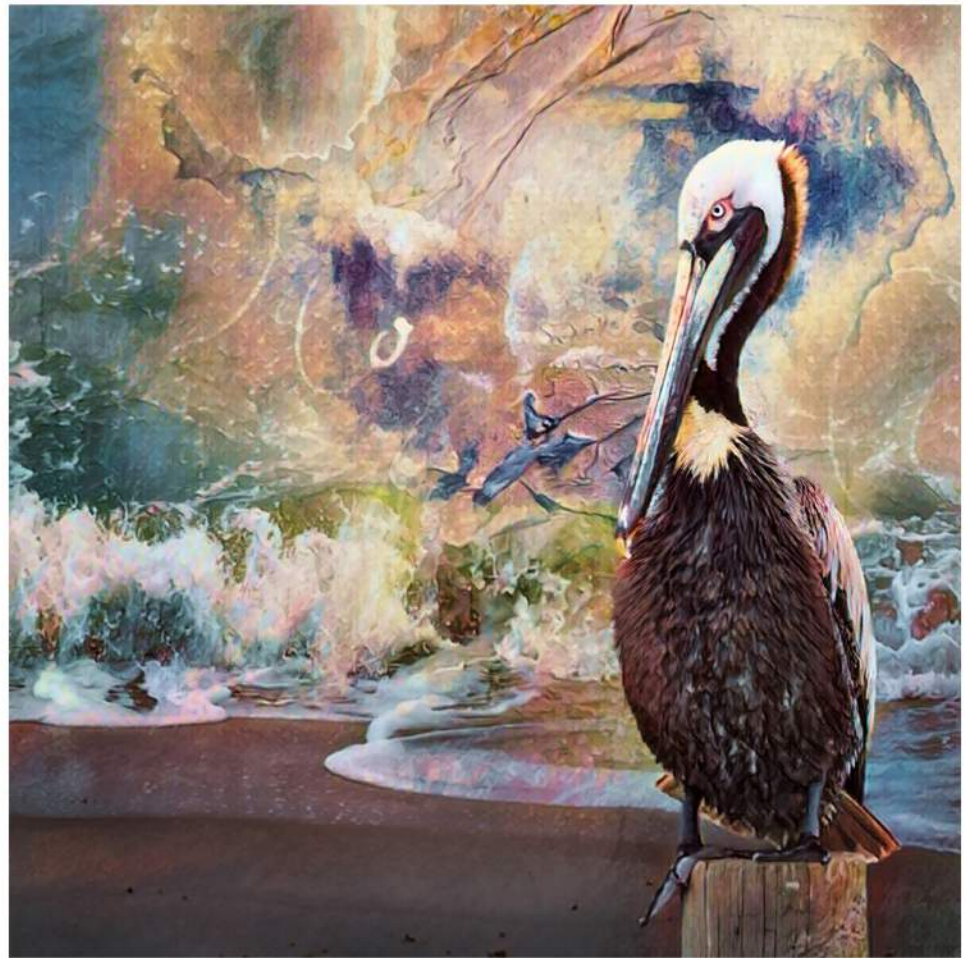
Bob Boyd
(USA)

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Brigantine

Pelican Day

Patricia K. Saizan
(USA)



<http://www.patsaizanphotography.com/>





Terminal Speed ...

Preston Moochnek
(USA)

<https://www.photosbypreston.com/>



Out of the Shadows

Bob Desilets
(USA)



A Magic Nook To Read a Book

Pamela Huntington
(USA)



Hope Begins in the Dark

Beverly Everson (USA)

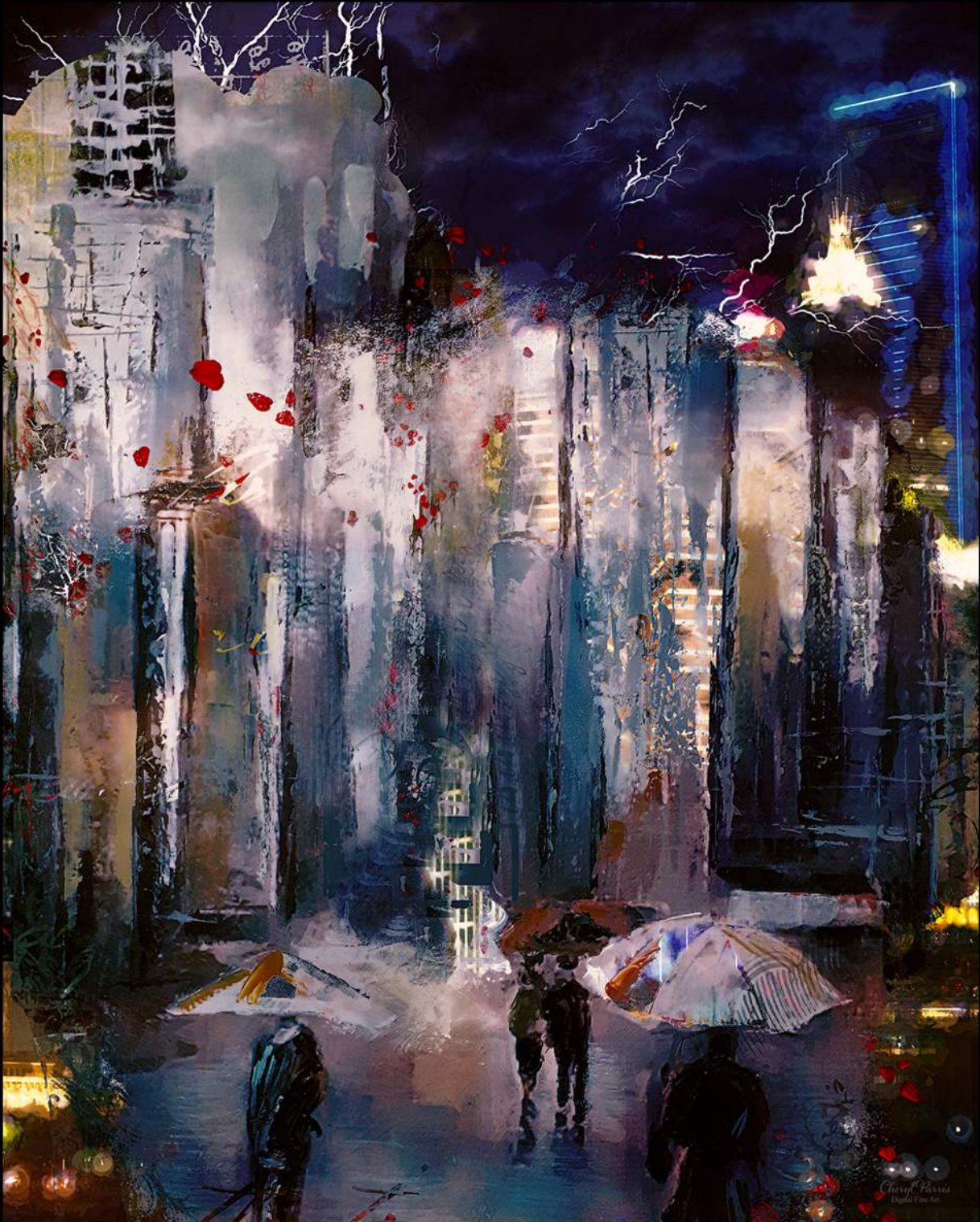




Lady Tabitha

ALBaMass
(Australia)

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Rainy Night in the City

Cheryl Parris
(USA)

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Magnolia Time



Nicholas Sweet-Rogers
(UK)

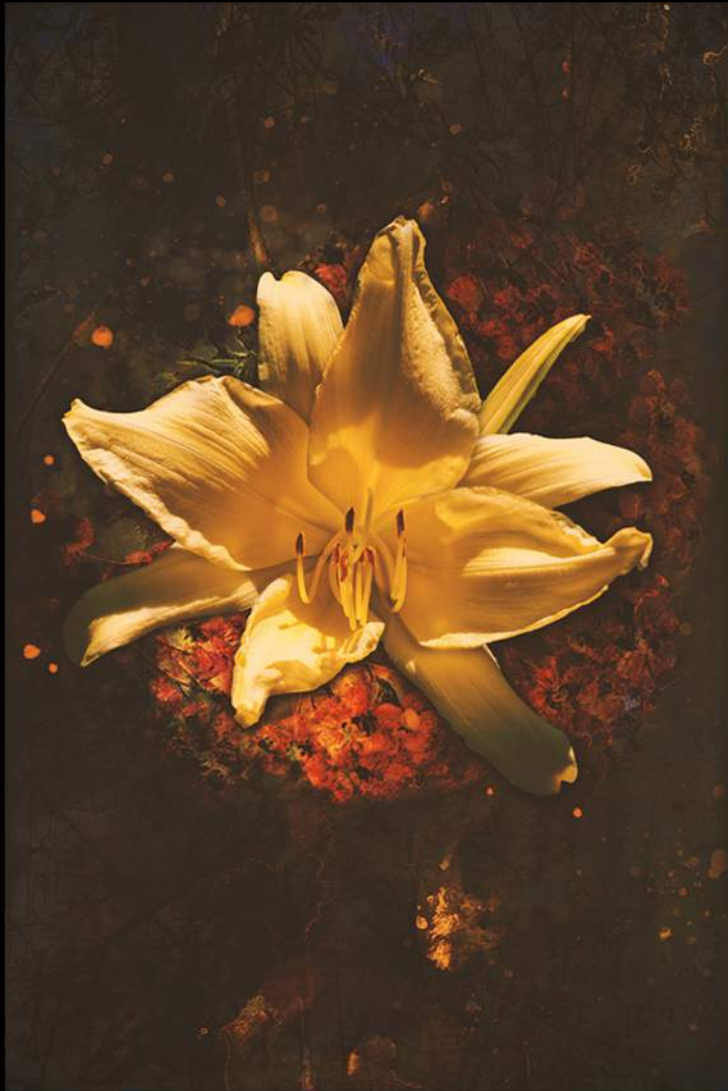
Rainy London



My Mona

Tim Palmer
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Daylily



Ditch Side

Helga Blanke
(The Netherlands)

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Her Chaos Made
Her Beautiful

Bernie Tuffs
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At One





Times Square

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Evening Flight

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Great Egret II

Dave Hattori (USA)



Incoming!

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Spring Forward

Clarissa Wilson
(USA)

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Candyfloss



<http://www.christinabrunton.com/>



Christina Brunton
(Australia)

Alone



Dinner at Eight

Joan Stokes (Canada)





Dreams of Freedom

Judi Lapsley Miller
(New Zealand)

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<https://artboja.com/art/93x42w/>



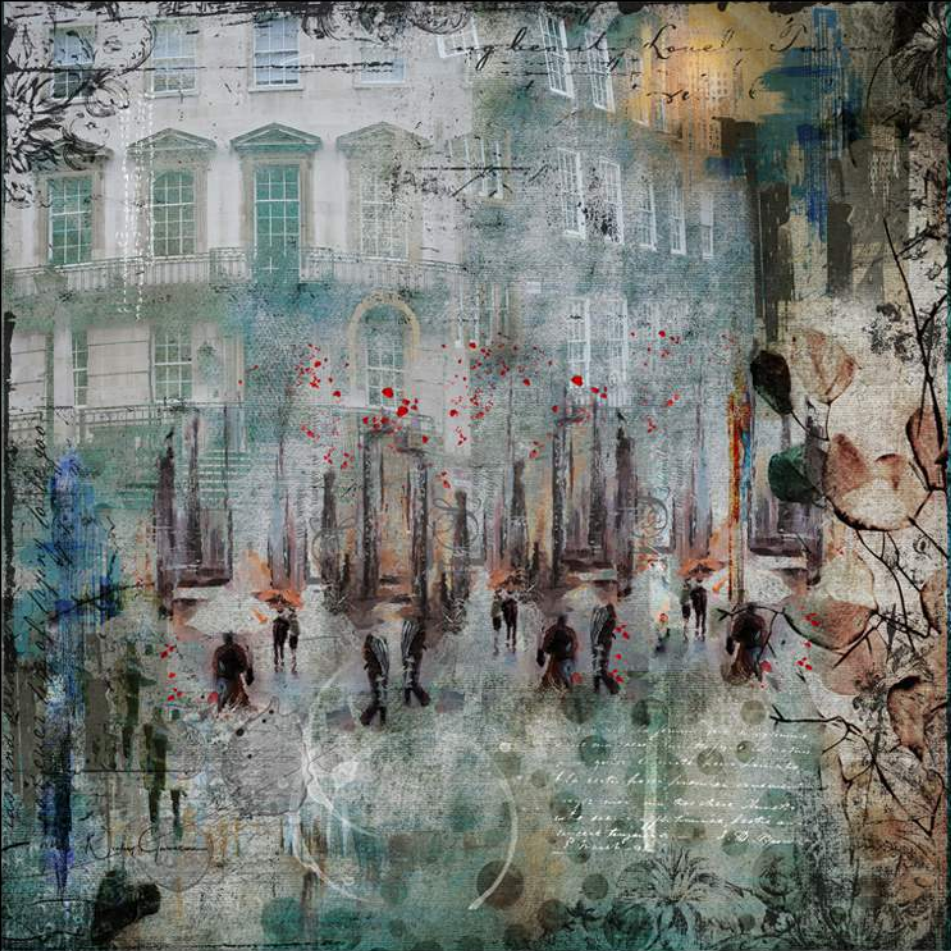
Blue Moon

Sue Taylor
(USA)

Cloudy Night



<http://nickyjamesonphotography.com/>



Nicky Jameson
(Canada)

Morning Dance

Great Gray Owl

Nicole Wilde
(USA)



I Will Always
Protect You





Butterfly

Nancy Milano
(USA)

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Mother of Foxes

Julie Powell
(Australia)

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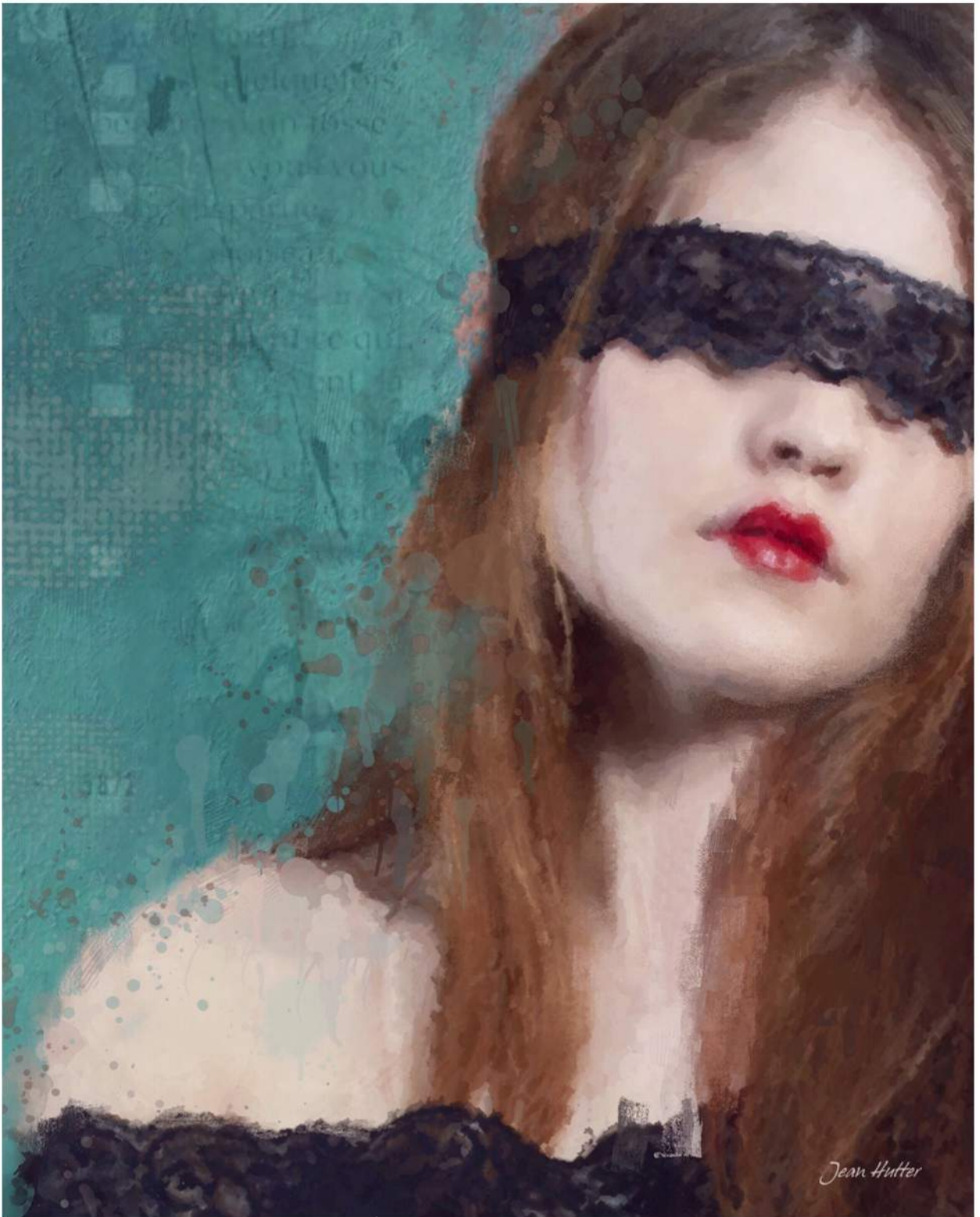
Fleur

Ann Lavin
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The Swan



Red Lipstick

Jean Hutter
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<https://artboja.com/art/wh7jv6/>



Chair on a Beach

Colin Killick
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Red Skies

Sheri Emerson
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<http://www.photoartbysheri.ca/>
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Into the Lion's Den

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Daeira

Bethany Perron
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Rusty City



Eduardo Llerandi
(USA)

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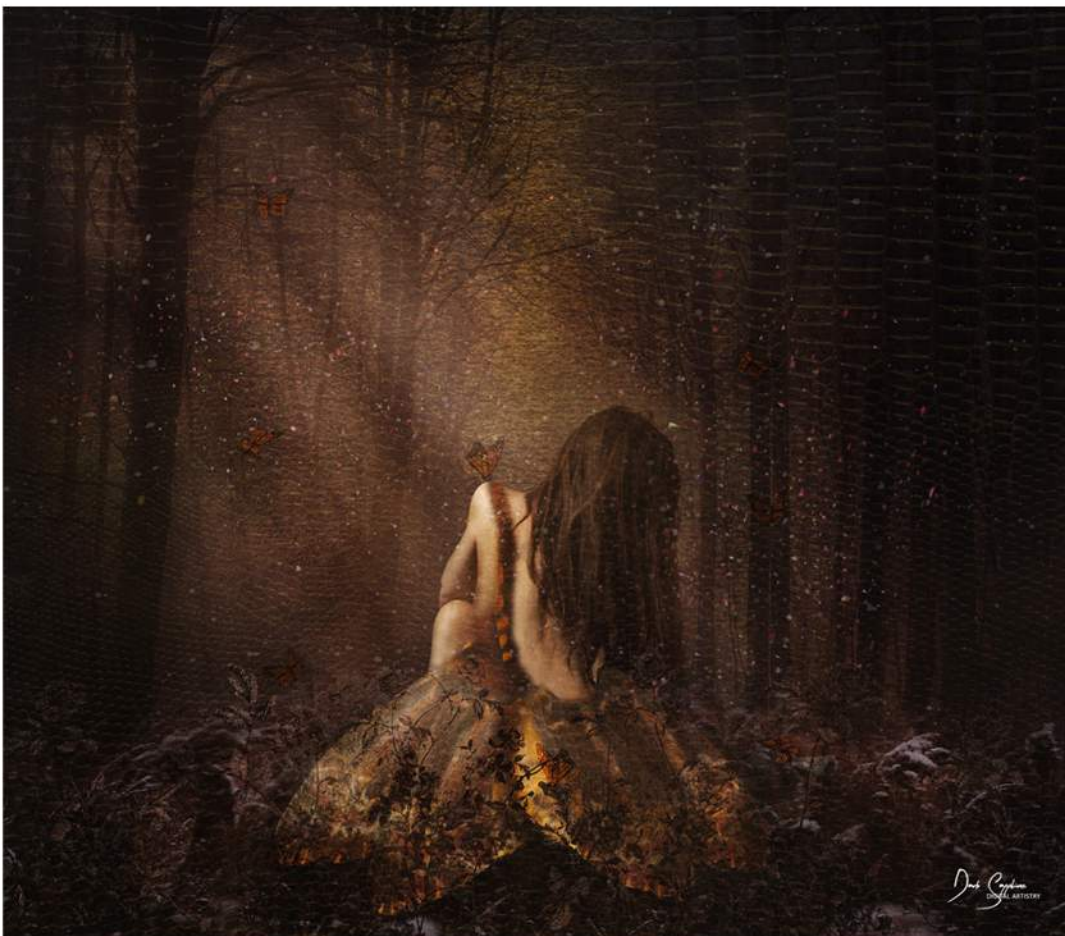
Hug Me

Deva



Rochelle Marshall
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Self





Losing Oneself

Dori Fleming
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<https://artboja.com/art/q6kkt1/>



Nomad's Tales

Ajay Goel
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Cypress Bike



Ray Kingsbury
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<http://www.rk2studio.com/>

Dancing Through
the Garden

Snow
Flakes



<http://creativearts.artistwebsites.com/>
<http://artboja.com/art/gxi8c2>

Cindy Collier Harris
(USA)

Portrait of a
Ballerina





Mirror Image

Kathleen Greenwood
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Reunion



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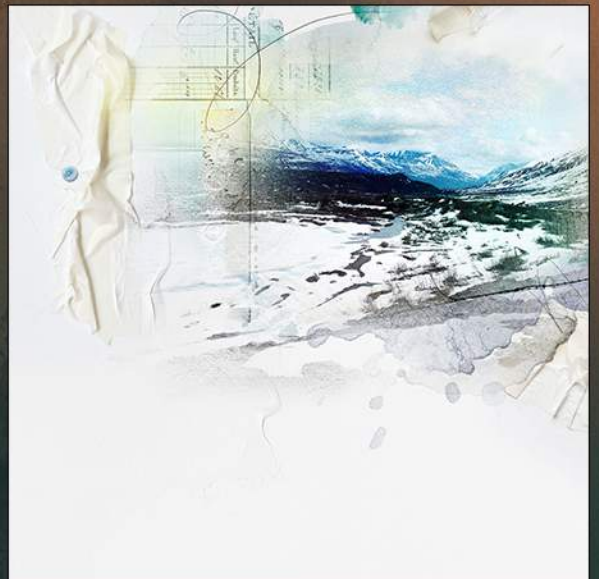
A professional designer with ScrapbookGraphics, Amanda Rockwell creates fantastic content for the AWAKE and KAIZEN groups. But I think her greatest contribution is in encouraging digital artists to get away from their screens and break out the art supplies now and then and actually have fun creating their own custom brushes.



Anna Aspnes

<http://annaaspnesdesigns.com>

Again and again in the work of my top students I was seeing one name turn up constantly when they were citing the source of the artistic content in their work: Anna Aspnes. When I visited her website I was stunned, and when I saw her work in *Somerset Digital Studio* magazine I knew that this was a talent I needed on my team.



Caroline Julia Moore

<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/CarolineJuliaMoore>

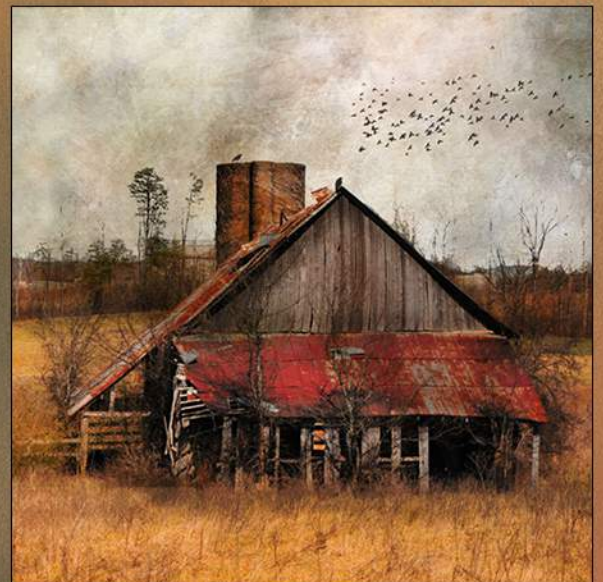
Over the past two years, I've watched as the immensely talented Caroline Julia Moore shifted from cognitive neuropsychologist to full-time self-employed artist and conceptual photographer ... all while also launching a successful content-design business. Her contributions to the group have been a delight and an inspiration.



Cheryl Tarrant

<http://www.distressedtextures.net>

Cheryl Tarrant is the brilliant creator behind the superb iPhone app Distressed FX and the immensely popular content design studio Distressed Textures. In looking at her artwork, one can't but wonder if her images are paintings or photographs. And her textures are simply divine. We're very lucky to have her working with us as a designer!



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Denise Love

<http://2lilowls.com>

The textures and backgrounds from 2 Lil' Owls are some of the finest in the digital art industry, and indeed many of the works in this magazine feature Denise's textures – often several in one piece. Without question the photo-artistic community is so much the richer for the love and care Denise brings to her designs.



Foxeysquirrel

<http://www.foxeysquirrel.com>

Immensely popular (and stunningly prolific), Foxeysquirrel is the name by which artist Teddi Rutschman is known around the world. Her artistic design kits bring together a wide range of styles – from the enchanted and purely whimsical to classic illustration, from the exquisitely ornate to elements with touches of dreamlike old world mastery.



itKuPiLLi

<http://www.mischiefcircus.com/>

itKuPiLLi is the rather unusual name donned by Kirsi Rouvinen, the celebrated digital artist from Finland. The itKuPiLLi Imagenarium at MischiefCircus.com is a source for whimsical digital goodies, and the content Kirsi creates for our KAIZEN group is always greeted with excitement and enthusiasm.



Jai Johnson

<http://www.DailyTexture.com>

Jai Johnson is a fine artist and the acclaimed designer behind "The Daily Texture." Time and again when a work of digital artistry caught my eye, I'd find Jai's name listed in the credits as the texture designer. It took some time to get her, but I'm extremely excited to now have Jai an active member of our KAIZEN design team.



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Jen Maddocks

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When some students introduced me to the work of Jen Maddocks, I was quite knocked flat. Here was a digital content creator who was as fabulous an artist as she was a designer. We are lucky to have her in our community and MORE than lucky to have her material and tutorials here in "AWAKE" and "KAIZEN."



Jill Catrinel

<http://curiousandcultivated.com/>

Jill Catrinel works out of her art studio just north of Asheville, making her one of the few designers here quite close to me. Her work is fresh and inspired, and it's exciting to look ahead to everything I will be able to coordinate with her as the projects in the "KAIZEN" group evolve over the year ahead.



Julie Mead

<https://e-scapeandscrap.net>

It's always exciting to see creative success stories, and Julie Mead has certainly become one! She stepped into the digital content scene not long ago it seems, but rapidly brought on a bunch of great designers (and of course created a wonderful stream of original content herself). We're lucky to have her on our team!



Kim Klassen

<http://kimklassen.com>

Kim Klassen was one of the very first truly world-class artists I had the immense privilege of working with when I first launched the original Photoshop Artistry course. It was her textures (and her photography) that first caught my attention. Only later did I realized how wonderful she is as a teacher as well.



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Michelle Mondragon

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Recently we've brought on the talented photographer and artist Michelle Mondragon as part of our team (though she prefers to think of herself as a "creative"). She has been providing a steady stream of extraordinary content for our AWAKE artists to use in their compositions. We are beyond excited to have her with us.



Rebecca McMeen

<http://www.rebeccamcmeen.com/>

Joining our team just this year, Rebecca McMeen has proven a tremendous hit with her extraordinary material, all of it so rich and complex, whimsical and artistic. Her unique style has made for a fantastic addition to the library of content our artists are now able to employ, and the resulting creations are endlessly charming.



Tangie Baxter

<https://shoptangiebaxter.com/>

Tangie Baxter is the lead artist of her own wildly successful design company with over a decade spent as dedicated “purveyors of digital art journaling supplies.” Her material is quirky and fun, and always a delight. Bringing her onto our team was a big event for us. Everything here got a lot more exciting with her arrival!



The Colby Files

<http://www.thecolbyfiles.com/>

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