



WILLOWING ARTS

PROUDLY PRESENTS



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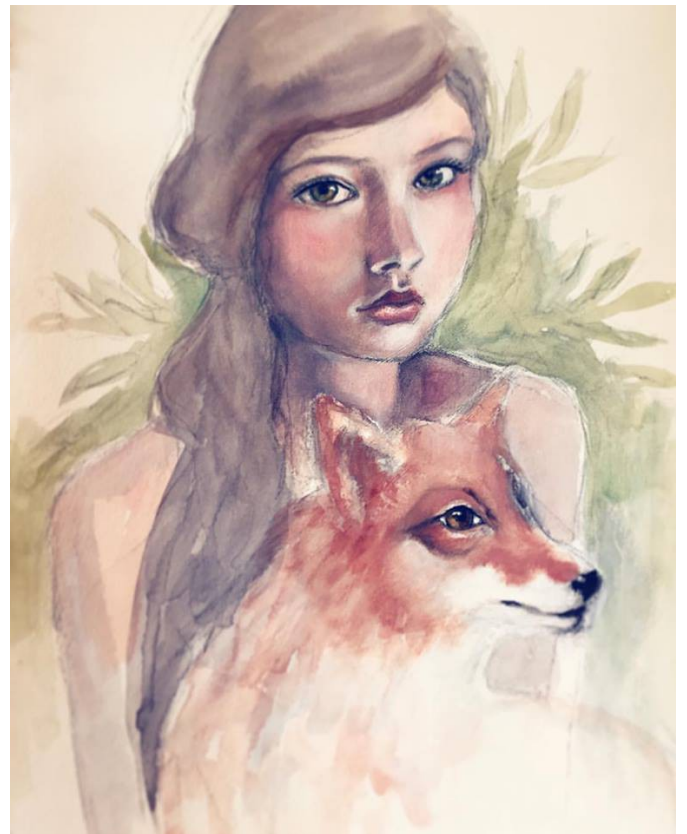


IVY NEWPORT

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Ivy is a published mixed media artist, art instructor and creative guide. Her online collection of artistic workshops have served thousands of students internationally. She also teaches at art retreats both nationally and abroad. She attended the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida where she receiving her BFA in Illustration.

She now resides in Portland, Oregon with her husband and two daughters. Ivy's artistic message is to guide others to their creativity and nurture those special gifts in each of us. She strongly believes that every soul is creative and finding ways to express that creativity is paramount to joy and healing.



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# ANDREA GOMOLL

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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."



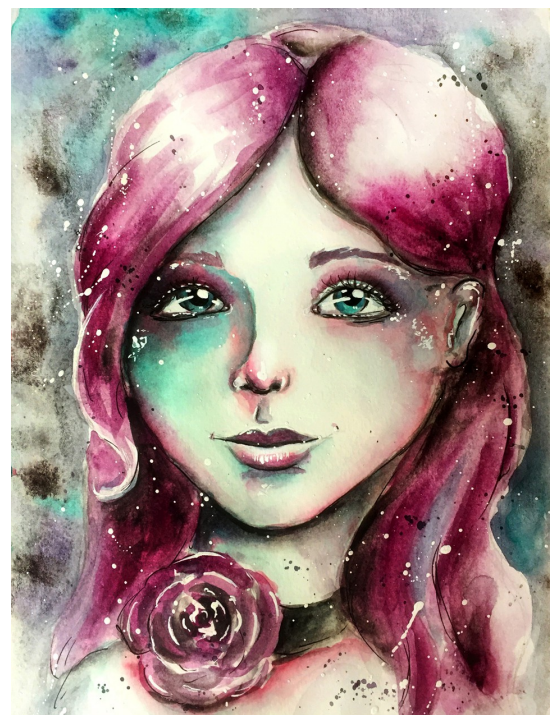
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# KATRINA KOLTES

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I have always loved drawing as a child. I was born and grew up in south-east-Asia, often travelling. We were full-time volunteers, often on the move, and we made art with children all over the world. Orphanages, hospitals, rehab centers, whatever. I think that's one thing that in some way influenced my art later on. I wanted to create some place where children would feel safe. A beautiful world that would whisk them away from an often harsh and painful reality, even for just a little while.

In the years followed I moved to Italy and started a life of my own, and married and had a child. Too busy with just every-day life, my art was often pushed aside. I got to the point where I felt I had lost my true identity, and who I really was inside. And that's when I desperately needed to find myself and my artistic voice again. And so I started the slow and difficult process of rediscovery. I learned many things during that time, but most of all, I learned how to listen to my heart and my intuition. I had to let go of my fears and just trust the process. And it was a liberation! I painted of stories untold, of feelings repressed, of my hopes and dreams, and deepest yearnings. Of magic and mystery, and fairytales, and emotions and yearnings never expressed.



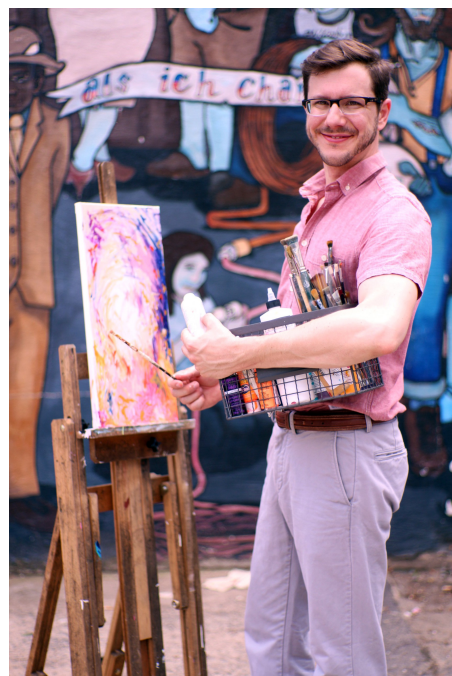
I took aside a small part of my busy day, every day, and I sat at my desk and I showed up. And it's a habit I've kept ever since. That was when I started to notice the difference. I realized that the more I painted for just me and the pure joy of it, and for expression, the more I began to paint what I felt inside and my art looked more like my own, and I was a much happier person! If we can just create for the pure joy of it, we open up a whole new world of expression in our art... And that is when the magic happens!



# STEPHEN LURSEN

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Stephen, a 31-year-old husband and father, found a love for drawing in Mrs. Gaylor's Kindergarten class in 1989. What began with simple drawings of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, evolved over years of practice and training into a wide range of artistic endeavors. He found painting, ceramics, and pastels in high school and quickly adopted them into his tool box of creativity. In college, he earned his B.A. in painting from UNC Charlotte and decided to go after his artistic dreams with the support of his loved ones. While studying painting in Grad school, he married his wonderful wife Cara, and after three years of study graduated with his M.F.A. in Painting and video art from Winthrop University in 2012.



For over a decade Stephen has worked as an artist and instructor in its many forms ranging from solo visual artist, private and corporate commissioned artist, private instructor, classroom art teacher, creative consultant, Director of Education at Donna Downey Studios, and Designer... of mascots for a college - countless logos - 5 published book covers - 1 album cover - multiple cling stamps sold nationwide and more.

He is currently working towards a solo show in mid 2017, in the Duke Energy Tower, in uptown Charlotte. The wall space is so substantial that Barings, the global asset management firm hosting the show, has requested between 25 to 30 paintings to be displayed on the walls of 2 floors within the building. This show will function as a fundraiser for The Levine Children's Hospital. The connection to the children within the hospital, has a great deal of impact on the Stephen's work.

*"All an artist does is create his or her own rules, follow them, and throw out everything else."* - Stephen Lursen

The rules for his current work are as follows:

1. Create a richly colored abstract background
2. If adding an illustrative character, the character/s must either float or fly to emote a sense of weightlessness, unburdened by the cares of this life. Hope, peace, and joy are key words for each work. Stephen's hope is that each painting would inspire the imagination of children and adults into the fantasies of their mind.)
3. Splatter and throw paint at the surface with joy (there's more to each painting... normally... but these are his rules)

His involvement in Ever After 2017 is a perfect fit both stylistically and in content. He hopes you will both enjoy and learn from his instructional video, as you push deeper into your own imagination, and paint your fantasies. Please check out his original work and online workshops for sale through his website at [www.stephenlursen.com](http://www.stephenlursen.com)







TIARE SMITH

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Tiare Smith is a self-taught mixed media, art journal artist and instructor.

Born with art in her heart she lost her way from her art for 18 years. It came back to her life in a burst of emotion and anxiety. By practicing techniques of love, positive self talk, thoughts and action which have helped her to overcome other areas of struggle, she now enjoys her art in a free and inspiring way.

She inspires creatives to embrace their inner artist while also nurturing their hearts and memories.

She has not only been featured on HGTV but has had numerous works published in a variety of crafting magazines and blogs.

You can find her teaching at her local paper crafting store, online or in her private studio.



She aims to help women to embrace the artist within through lessons infused with love, happiness, confidence and creativity, empowering them to experience and express their art more freely. It is her mission to touch one million hearts in such a powerful and significant way.

You can view her art and learn more about her at [www.tiaresmith.com](http://www.tiaresmith.com)



# DANITA ART

[danitaart.com](http://danitaart.com) (gallery and blog)

[danitaartclasses.com](http://danitaartclasses.com) (online classes)

DANITA. LOVER OF RAINY DAYS.

DOLL MAKER. PAINTER.

CREATOR OF BEAUTY.



I am an artist, and art is my life.

To me, creation is not a choice, but an imperative from the inscrutable exhortations from my soul.

I must create to feel alive, and to let my mind flow in peace, exploring every corner of the worlds I create.

Everything I create is inspired by my personal experiences and memories, my emotions and moods will always shape the things I paint and the art dolls I create.

I chose mixed media, watercolors and hand sculpted art dolls, concentrating on expressing emotions and feelings through colors and shapes and textures, looking to transmit emotions without much thinking on the final process, I just let my art dictate where it wants to go.

On my paintings and my dolls everything is surrounded by a dreamy, surreal and atmosphere. Everything except for the eyes. The eyes are the window to the soul, and I really express myself through the eyes of my creations. Their sadness, sorrow, anger and joy are instantly recognizable, and you can feel the emotions I felt when I was in the process of creation pouring out of them.







EFFY WILD

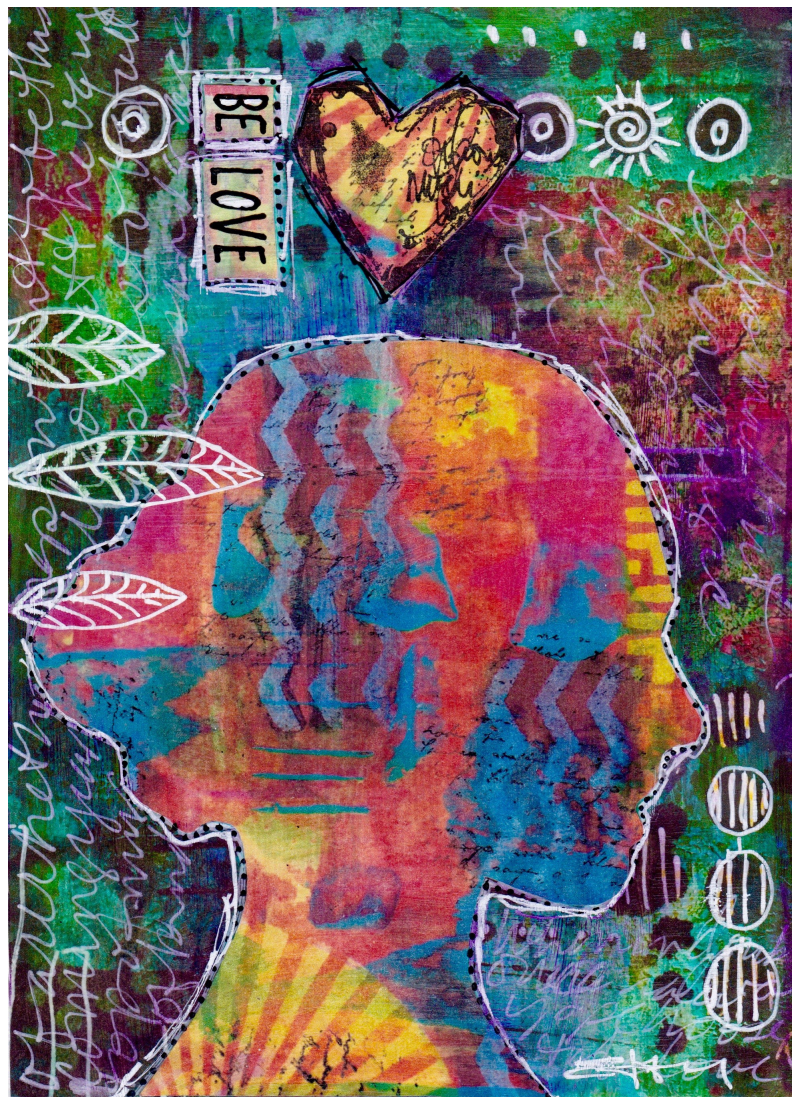
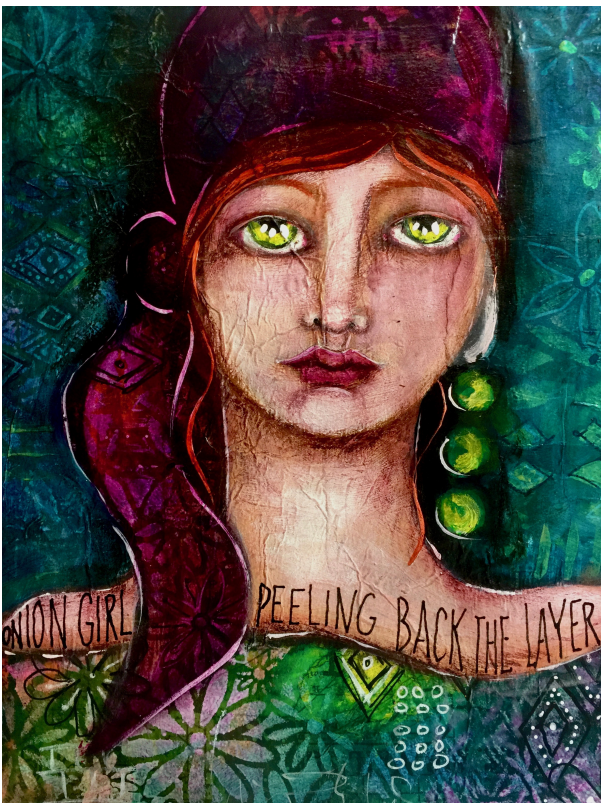
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Effy Wild has been using art journaling as a way to meet herself on the page since 2009.

She teaches online, runs Journal52 ([journal52.com](http://journal52.com)), #MiniMoleyDaily ([facebook.com/groups/minimoleydaily](https://facebook.com/groups/minimoleydaily)) and offers full length and mini (some free) workshops in her teaching network at: [learn.effybird.com](http://learn.effybird.com). She also blogs at [effywild.com](http://effywild.com).

Effy considers herself a journal artist, and her emphasis is always on process over finished product. She lives in Ontario with her lovely dog, Sookie, and works from her home studio.

MAIN SITE & BLOG: [effywild.com](http://effywild.com)





Hi there! My name is Mariëlle Stolp. I live in the Netherlands with my daughters, my amazingly supportive husband and two naughty cats that are always trying to steal my supplies and ruin my attempts at filming tutorials.



If weather permits I love to take a walk on the nearby beach and collect seashells with my youngest.

And if not, I am more than happy to stay in and fill my journals with dreamy, boho-style or fairy-tale girls. I have three beautiful and bright daughters, so cute, giggly and sweet inspiration is always around. I would love to share that with you!







# KARA BULLOCK

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My name is Kara Bullock and I am an artist! I reside in Southern California with my supportive husband, Jeff, and our three daredevil children, Charlotte, Claire, and Brady. We also have two crazy Boston Terriers, Buster and Oscar. Our life is very full and busy! I have been teaching for the last 19 years. I began my career as an elementary school teacher in 1998 working with children ages six through 12. In 2008, I began teaching college courses, online, to adults studying to be teachers! I found it very rewarding to work with those that had a passion for teaching others!

I continue to work in the education field helping others reach their dreams of teaching children. However, I am also living the dream of working as an artist, art instructor, and mentor! I truly feel that I have finally found my place in this world!

My art journey began as a child. My happiest memories are of times when I was given the opportunity to be creative, whether it was a drawing contest for school, or designing the architectural layout for the renovation of our home. I even created my own language in third grade!



However, I didn't fully immerse myself into a creative life until 2013 when my sister introduced me to some online courses.

My drive for art was immediately reignited and I have been going full speed since! I am completely grateful that art has become a regular part of my life. As an adult, I was diagnosed with anxiety disorder, and have found art to be the greatest therapy! I now offer online courses, live workshops, and mentoring services to those that are also seeking a creative life! I feel very lucky I get to encourage and support others on their artistic journey!

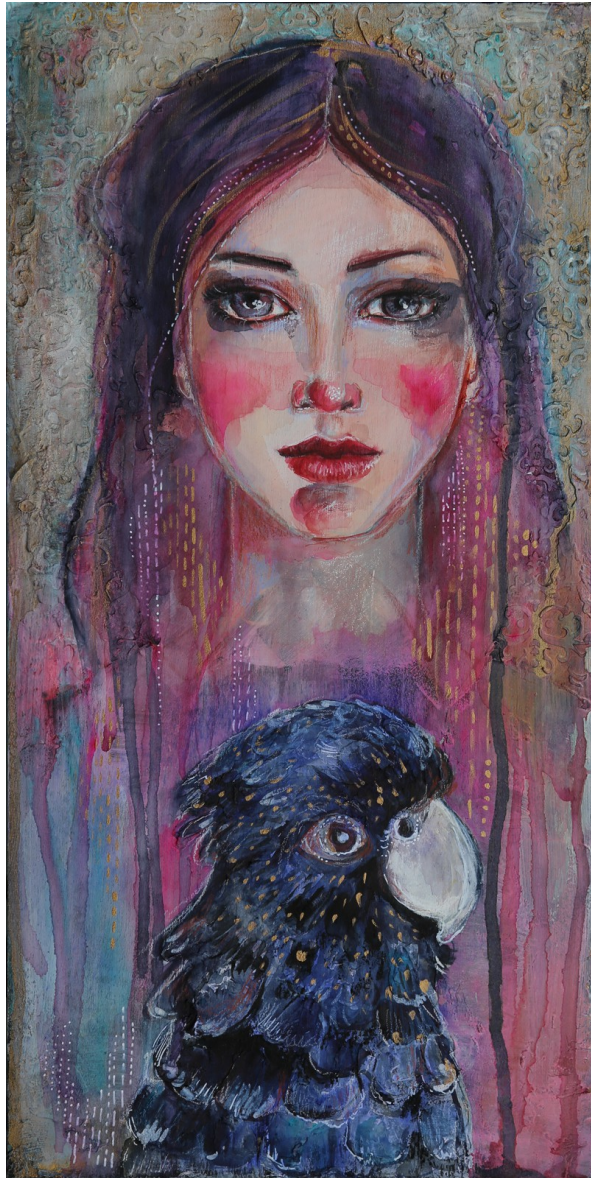




# KARINE BOSSE

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Hi there! I'm Karine Bossé also known as Kabostudio. I'm a graphic designer, mix-media artist, doll maker and online art teacher. There is never a dull moment in my life, I'm always busy creating something, I started Kabostudio about 10 years ago, developing my style and exploring as much as could with different mediums.



Thanks to the wonderful internet I found the mix-media community about 5 years ago and it's been eye opening for me.

Although I was already mixing everything on my own finding a community driven by the same joy and need of creating felt like finding my home, it was the missing piece.

Since then, I became an art teacher, participate in Let's Face it 2016, Ever-After 2016 and launched A Canvas Journey last October, in which I share my passion of creating on canvas and exploring different roads.

My art is all about strong women in all their aspect because sometimes being strong also means being vulnerable. Duality is a constant theme in my art. Lights and shadows and how opposite side have to meet to create balance. Myths, legends and fairy tales have always been a big inspiration for me.

I strongly believe that we can achieve everything we set our mind to; one step at the time.



*"THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MASTER  
AND A BEGINNER IS THAT THE MASTER HAS  
FAILED HUNDREDS OF TIMES MORE THAN THE  
BEGINNER AS EVER TRIED."*

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MICKI WILDE

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Hi there I am Micki Wilde otherwise known as 'The Secret Hermit' I am a self taught artist from Leicestershire UK.

My painting process is a fusion of pre-planned and intuitive work with the main aim being to create a thought provoking visual tale honouring nature and a connection to the land.

I usually paint both animals and female characters, though for the most part of the last year I have been focusing on painting animals alone.

My female characters represent myself and the women and daughters of my soul. They are most often found wild and naked surrounded by an ethereal world filled with all manner of magical beasts.



All my paintings whether animal or human are approached in a light-hearted manner with the hope to charm and endear its characters to the onlooker and draw them in to my wondrous and whimsical world.

I work with a range of different mediums but typically I use; Paint, watercolour crayons, pencils, charcoal and a whole lot of love to create layers and help the stories to unfold.



# SARAH TRUMPP

[patreon.com/wonderstrumppet](https://patreon.com/wonderstrumppet)

Sarah Trumpp (also known as Wonderstrumppet) is a muppet trapped in the form of a human who believes strongly in the value of white ink. Her personal motto is "feed your weird," and she encourages everyone to let their inner weirdo sparkle every minute of every day. She is a mixed-media artist and reluctant (but avid) art journaler.



Sarah strives to make the world a little stranger, so she designs stencils, teaches classes, and sews a bit left of center. She has recently embarked on a quest to give away 365 paintings by February 2018 in an effort to bring more love and happiness into the world. She has been obsessed with fairy tales since before she could dye her hair properly, reading Cinderella repeatedly to her parents at the tender age of 3.

Sarah lives in the middle of nowhere in rural New York with her own prince charming and three demonspawn.. er.. dwarves.. er... children. Along with being a full-time artist, she is also in the midst of yoga teacher training and is a library volunteer (part-time book fonder!) and volunteer firefighter.







Toni Burt

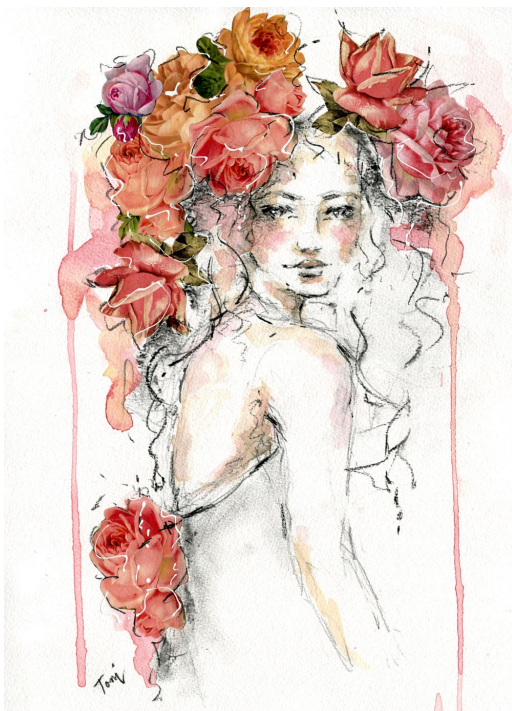
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I am Toni from the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia. I live on a hill in the bush with my little dog Griffin.

I am a full-time artist. Wow, how did that happen! ...and I love it. It took me half a lifetime to find my way here, but creating art is where my soul finds it's freedom to express...finally! I believe that art and the creative process is a reflection of our soul, it's wants, needs, desires and longings. Exploring our creative side is nurturing (and giving voice to) that soul, that wait's so patiently for us to take notice.

I began creating as a child, but only recently found my joy and happiness here. My process evolves more and more each day, and I am constantly surprised and awed at what sometimes emerges. I have a loose and free style and I love to feel that freedom of scribbling with my pencil, often with both hands, and to feel unconstrained by any notion of how it should be. I love to paint with my fingers and rarely use a brush. My current passion is sketching with my non-dominant

"other hand" ...and I find it liberating and quite revealing to write in my journal with my other hand also...even if it is pretty messy!



Mother earth is a big inspiration for me, and hence why I live in semi-isolation amongst her beauty. I used to be a city girl, and for many years I poured my heart into a career in Corporate Interior Design and Project Management, I feel that it was my grounding and learning field for where I am heading now.

Did I mention I love collage! You can probably tell ...and as such I spend plenty of my spare time meandering around old bookstores and junk shops digging for vintage treasures that tell a story, each one adds a little extra dimension and character to my own story as it unfolds onto the canvas. The rest on my story....well it is still to come.



# ROBERTA LALIBERTÉ

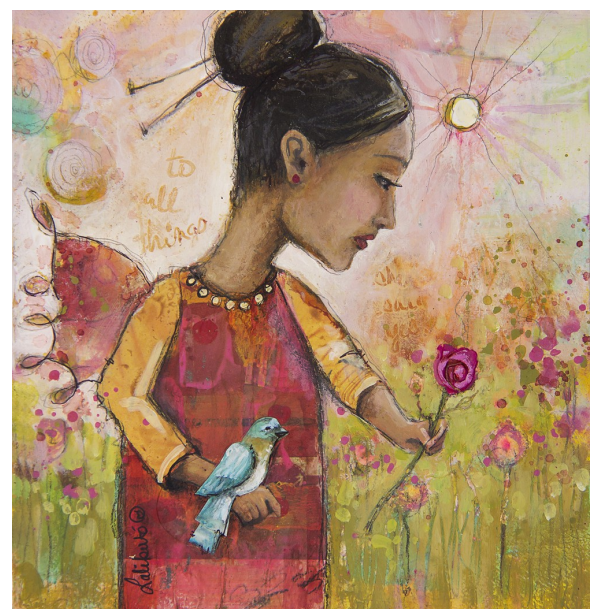
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My first memories of drawing was of painstakingly reproducing the Disney characters from my books and albums. I loved the magic of the fairytale endings. As a teen I graduated from my crayolas to watercolours and acrylics. Gradually through the years I began experimenting with various mediums including textiles, illustration and digital art.



About 8 years ago, by chance, I came across a Somerset Studio magazine and fell in love with mixed media. Over the last 5 years I have enjoyed travelling teaching integrated arts education and art workshops to all ages.

Seeing that sparkle in people's eyes when they make a new discovery and feel a sense of accomplishment is so fulfilling. My hope is by sharing my passion for creating that it can ignite the embers that I believe live in all of us.





# FLORA BOWLEY

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## **Bonus Guest Teacher in the Ever After Style Development Segment only.**

Flora Bowley (pronounced *bowl-lee*) is an internationally celebrated painter, workshop facilitator, top-selling author and inspirationalist. Her soulful, visionary approach to painting and living has inspired thousands of people across the globe to “let go, be bold and unfold.” Flora helps them move through fear and welcome brave, intuitive expression back into their creative process.

Combining more than 20 years of professional painting experience with a background as a yoga instructor, massage therapist, truth seeker and creative entrepreneur, Flora infuses her teaching and painting style with a deep connection to body, mind and spirit.

This unique, heartfelt fusion offers a powerful, hands-on experience where painting becomes a vehicle to personal transformation, self-love, and radical self expression – where potent life lessons are revealed along the way.



Flora's vibrant original paintings are sold in several galleries throughout the United States, and her licensed product lines and prints are available worldwide. Flora's book, [Brave Intuitive Painting](#), was released in May 2012, and it has sold over 40,000 copies. Her five-week, *Bloom True* E-course has changed the way thousands of people paint across the globe.

By sharing her unique philosophies and passionately following her heart, Flora has started an unmistakable movement in the intuitive art world. Her second book, *Creative Revolution*, was recently released in 2016.

Flora lives with her boyfriend and spirit dog, Pearl, in a colorful community of fellow artists in Portland, Oregon.





TAMARA LAPORTE

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Hi, I am Tam! :) I am your host on Ever After. I created this course because I love fairy tales AND I really want there to be a course out there to help people explore and develop their own styles and stories. :) I'm super excited about this new offer and hope you have a great time on it! Here is a bit more 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 33,000+ 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 28,500 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 and two magical boys, Dylan & Elliot. She is supported in the studio by 2 fabulous ladies; the glitter-filled [Gracie Howle](#) and the unicorn-riding [Maddie Turner](#).

