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Tamara LaPorte (willowing) – host

www.willowing.org

Hi, I am Tam! I am your host on “A Year of Magic & Fairy Tales”. I created this course because I wanted to offer a magical, enchanting & life enriching experience to the world that focused on the concept of ‘magic’ in all its myriad ways.

Life is a struggle for many of us right now and I know that art can make things easier for us. So I loved the idea of painting magic, both literally, figuratively and emotionally.

I'm super excited about this new offer and hope you have a great time on it! Here is a bit more information about me:



Tamara Laporte (also known as 'willowing') is a creative catalyst of thousands of beautiful people. She is a celebrated mixed media artist, art teacher & author who has been running her creative business since 2008. [Her work](#) can be described as “mixed media folk art”. It ranges from whimsical children’s illustrations to a more stylised fantasy art and expressive portraiture. Love, mystery, innocence, hope, spirituality, kindness and self-connection inspires her art work. Symbolism and layering play a big part in her work too; 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 students all over the world.

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 website which has over **85,500+** members and grows with about 300 - 400 mixed enthusiasts each month!

Tam lives and works in the South of England with her handsome husband Andy, two magical sons Dylan & Elliot and her 4 hilarious doggos.





Katrina Koltes

<https://katrinakoltes.com/>

Katrina Koltes is an intuitive artist, oracle, fairy whisperer, healer, and channeler who creates gateways to the unseen realms. Through her art, workshops, and crystal-infused jewelry, she invites others to rediscover the wonder of magic and the forgotten language of nature and spirit.

With a deep connection to the fae realms, elemental beings, and ancient energies of the Earth, Katrina's work awakens the senses to beauty just beyond the veil. For over a decade, she has been guiding others to explore their creativity, dream deeply, and journey into the unseen.

Her creative path began after years of humanitarian work across the globe, and now, from her home in Italy with her husband and two children, she shares this magic through immersive retreats and magical offerings.



Katrina's work has been featured in Vogue UK, Vanity Fair, and House of Coco. She has collaborated with New York composer Margin Alexander, Diamond Art Club, and Hay House UK. In 2024, she won first place in the international Outstanding Artist S3 MAI talent show, held in Greece.

With every brushstroke and whisper of light, Katrina invites you to step into enchanted realms—and remember the magic that has always lived within you.



Ida Andersen Lang

<http://www.idaandersenlang.com>

Ida Andersen Lang is a Visionary Fine Artist and Online Art Teacher from Copenhagen, Denmark.

She has been a creator all her life, expressing her love for the mystery of life, through art. She also holds a year long tradition of passing on the light and joy of making art, through her online art teachings.

Ida loves all things beautiful in life and the universe. Her passion is to express this through all kinds of creativity.

She specializes in figurative art with a touch of abstraction. Dreams and visions, drawing and harmonious color is at the core of her art making process.



In her art she seeks to catch a glimpse of the mystery behind life here on Earth, and to trace the connectedness between all things in the universe. A sense of being "in between worlds", in a magical place.

It is also this magical and sacred place of art making, that she passes on to her art students.



Eulalia Mejia

<http://www.eulaliamejia.com>

Eulalia Mejia is a graphic designer, illustrator, artist, teacher, and maker of things. She lives in a small rural town in the mountains of Colombia, South America, with her dog, two cats, and her boyfriend.



Eulalia spends her days in her studio, illustrating and splashing paint on handmade journals, all while discussing world issues with her cat.

Her dream is to bring a bit of cheer to daily life by creating playful illustrations for fun-loving people.



Eulalia truly believes that we are never too old to be amazed by the everyday; surrounding ourselves with beauty is a powerful reminder that there can be magic in the world.



Kim Dellow

<https://www.kimdellow.com>

Exploring the world with open curiosity is key to Kim Dellow's art practice. Whether it is through expressive drawing with coloured pencils or colourful painted abstracts, Kim likes to find unique textures and combinations of materials.



Mark making and experimenting are key to the stories she tells through her art, and her teaching focuses on encouraging others to explore their own unique expression through play and experimentation.

She has been a regular contributor to online art workshops and courses for the last few years.



Kim also runs a monthly art club - Sketchbooker - helping people to build their art confidence and get creating through creative exercises, sharing her art story and recent experiments.



Finding that deep connection between herself and how she expresses through her art is her current fascination.

Laly Mille

<http://lalymille.com>

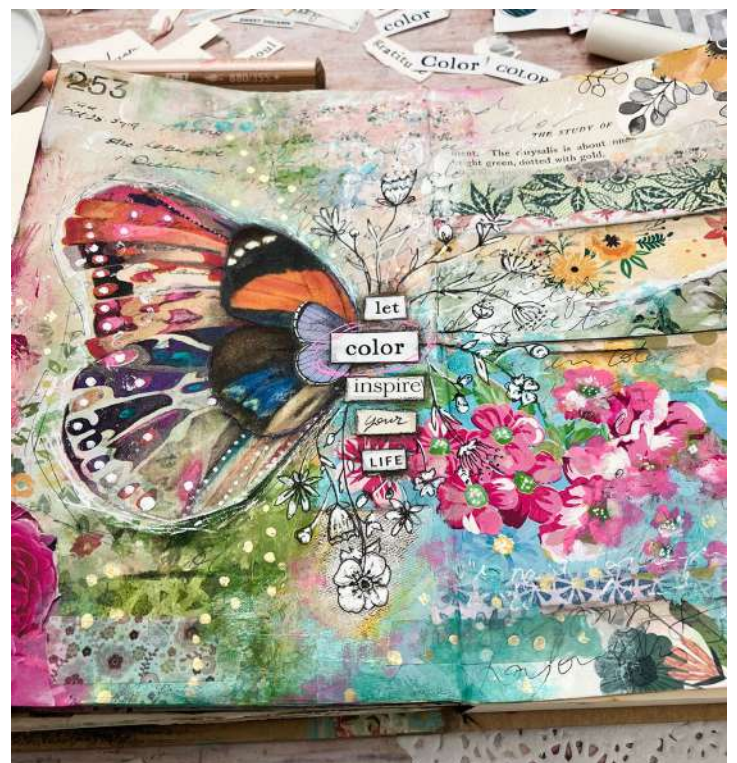
Laly Mille is a full-time mixed media artist and creative guide living in the beautiful Loire Valley of France. She believes that art connects us to the deepest, most beautiful parts of ourselves, and that beauty and creativity have the power to change the world in amazing ways!



Through her online classes, she's on a mission to guide and inspire like-minded creatives from all over the world to bravely shine their light.

Laly has a heart-centered, non-academic teaching style and over the years she has supported thousands of aspiring artists to embrace their creative calling.

She can't wait to see you grow your artist wings too!



Delight Rogers

<https://www.creativedelightstudio.com>

Delight Rogers is a mixed media collage artist, certified teacher, and art therapy practitioner based in Northern Ontario, Canada. With a lifetime of creative experience, she offers a soulful, intuitive approach to art-making that centers healing, storytelling, and emotional expression.



Her work blends vintage and handmade papers, textiles, paint, ink, and natural elements like pressed flowers and feathers. Known for her use of repurposed and preloved materials, Delight creates art that is both visually layered and emotionally resonant.

Through online courses, in-person workshops, and live Zoom gatherings, she guides others in using collage as a gentle tool for reflection, insight, and release. Her most-loved offerings—Mini Muse Makers, Soulful Stories, and Wings—combine creative techniques with emotional depth.

Delight's artwork has been shown in local galleries, published in international magazines, and is held in private collections across North America. She shares her reflections through a weekly artist newsletter and on her blog, *Healing in Layers*. Whether she's creating or teaching, her mission remains the same: to hold space for others to reconnect with their creativity, explore their inner world, and experience the quiet, healing magic of making art.





Annie Hamman

<http://www.anniehamman.com>

Annie Hamman is an artist, online art teacher, Akashic Records reader and shamanic ceremonial practitioner based in Hermanus. Originally from Kazakhstan, she has lived in South Africa for 25 years.

She describes her art as spiritual, healing story art. She paints soul portraits, based on people's Akashic Records readings - their soul's journey through time.



Her art depicts medicine women, power animals, shamans of old, plant medicines spirits, goddesses, angels, and enlightened beings.



She works in acrylics and large variety of other media, paints on drums, makes healing sculptures, and shamanic sacred tools, like rattles, medicine bags, smudge wands and medicine shields.



Toni Burt

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Toni is a mixed media artist living in Queensland, Australia. She describes her art style as spontaneous and messy, full of emotion and charm. Her passion for colour and various media often informs her choice of subject and genre.



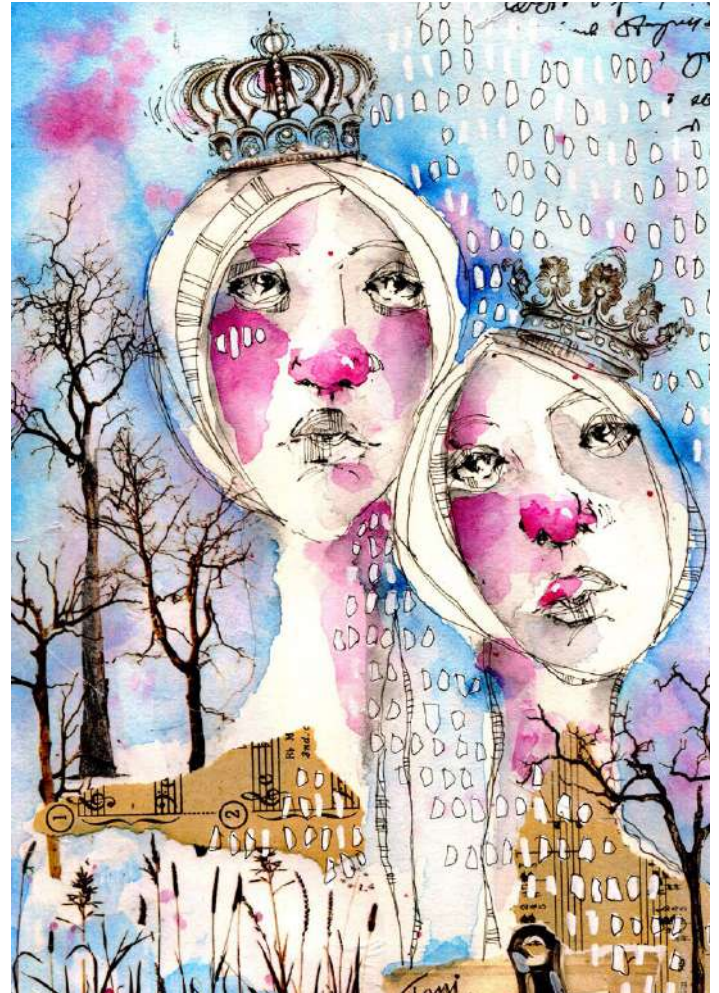
She is constantly exploring new and fresh ideas. She loves to scribble and splash paint around and develop techniques and processes to expand her creative self.



Toni studied Interior Design at university and credits that time for her passion and understanding of colour.

As a lifelong artist, and now in semi-retirement, she has dedicated more time to her practice, including integrating her art into her ceramic pieces.

She shares her passion for creativity by teaching others and sharing with her online community.





Tamara Łuć

<http://www.ruskea.com>

Tamara Łuć is a South African mixed media artist, teacher, and podcaster based in Poland.

Her vibrant, whimsical work, featuring grumpy, quirky, cute characters, explores trauma, identity, emotion, and self-expression.

Drawing from her diverse cultural background, Tamara creates art that is both playful and deeply introspective.

She co-hosts the "(NOT) a Real Artist" podcast, where she discusses creativity, personal growth, and navigating the art world. Her work invites others to explore their inner worlds with curiosity, honesty, and imagination.



When she's not making art, Tamara enjoys walking her dog, playing Dungeons & Dragons, and diving into new creative passions.

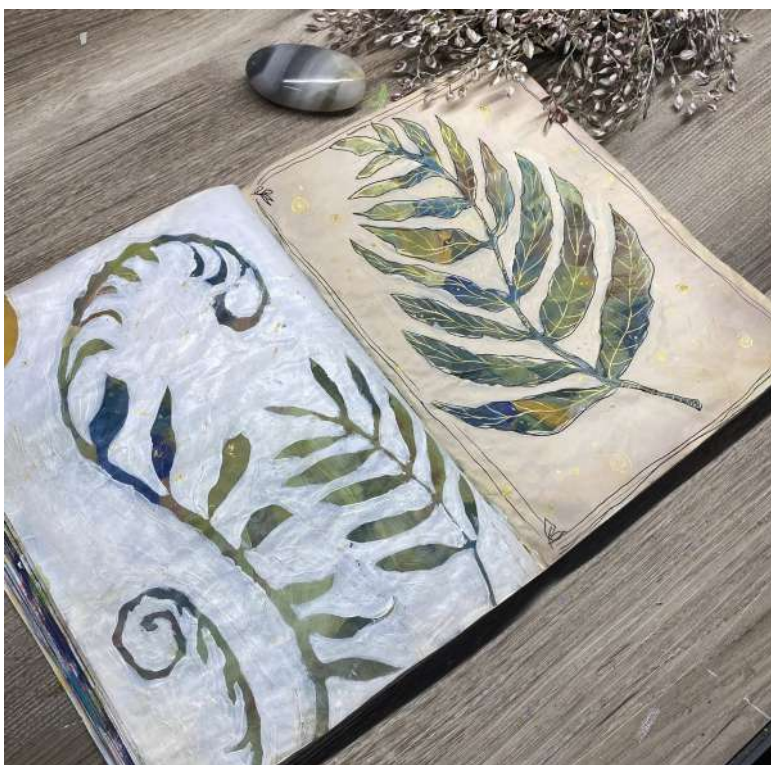


Monica Stadalski

<https://artbymonica.com>

Monica Stadalski is an award-winning artist, oracle deck creator, and online art instructor whose work resides in private collections worldwide. Drawing inspiration from nature, spirituality, and personal healing, Monica's art connects with magic, love, and growth. Raised in Alaska, her deep bond with nature is a central theme in her creative journey.

Monica began her formal art education in her 30s at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, after years of self-study. She won awards in national competitions and transitioned from graphic design to full-time artistry after the loss of her son, Nicholas. This transformative experience deeply shaped her work, which explores healing, spirituality, and nature.



Monica's current focus includes watercolor art, nature journaling, teaching online classes, and expanding her YouTube channel. She also continues to create her Mudra series, which was featured in Happeez Magazine, and the "Muse - The Artist's Oracle" deck, designed to inspire and support fellow creatives.

Through her art and teachings, Monica aims to help others connect with their own creativity, healing, and the magic of the natural world.

Christa Forrest

<http://www.creativesoulsart.com>

Christa Forrest is a Southern California-based figurative artist with a passion for expressive portraiture and storytelling through paint. A self-taught artist, Christa made the bold leap from a 20-year career in finance to fully embrace her creative calling and hasn't looked back since.



Her work is a constant evolution, a reflection of her journey to rediscover joy, identity, and connection through the figure. Recently, she's been diving deeper into developing her portrait techniques, using color, texture, and emotion to bring her subjects to life. Originally from the East Coast, Christa has exhibited in galleries across New York and Connecticut, and her work has found homes in both public and private collections.



With every brushstroke, she aims to inspire others to follow their creative voice, no matter where they start.



Kaaren Poole

<http://www.kaarenpoole.com>

Kaaren is a visual artist who works in several media. Regardless of the medium, though, her subject is nearly always animals. She loves telling stories with her art, seeking to create images which portray an intriguing moment in time and invite the viewer to imagine what came before and what will come after.

Her favorite medium, one which lays the foundation of all her work, is drawing.

She particularly likes working with mixed media and art journaling, combining abstract elements with realistic ones in pieces which are positive, heart-warming, and often whimsical.



She is also an author/illustrator of animal fiction meant for animal lovers of all ages.

Because creating art has given her so much joy throughout her life, she is excited to help others on their unique art journeys.

Marie-Laure Dela e-Carlson

<https://www.fleurdelysart.com>

Marie grew up in the mountains surrounding Grenoble, the capital of Dauphine (the ancient lands of the king) in the French Alps. She climbed the ancient walnut and oak trees and closely observed the ibex, marmots and foxes around her. Allowed to roam free, she developed a deep love for nature early on.



It combined with the admiration for strong minded women passed down from her grandmothers and she tries to do justice to these two themes in her art.

Being outside is good for the soul and mother Nature is awe inspiring.

Traveling the world to experience other cultures and wild landscapes while trying to go back in time to the origin of humanity is a passion and sharing this experience with other like-minded people is a gift.

She would love to share it with you too.





Sylwia Gryczuk

<https://www.instagram.com/tandiart>

Sylwia Gryczuk is a self-taught artist living and creating in the ever-green landscapes of Ireland. Her journey into the vibrant world of enchanted art began over a decade ago when she discovered a deep love for whimsical subjects such as fairies, unicorns, and magical rainbows.

Sylwia loves using mixed media techniques, working with a variety of her favourite materials, including watercolours, inks, acrylics, pencils, and collage papers.



She is particularly passionate about working in sketchbooks and art journals, where she explores ideas, textures, and storytelling in fun and playful way.

In addition to creating art, Sylwia shares her knowledge and passion by teaching both in-person and online classes.

Inspiring others to embrace their creativity and to enjoy happy mistakes which can easily turn to unique art pieces.

Sarah Gardner

<https://www.juicy-s.net>

Sarah Gardner, also known as Juicy*S of Juicy*S Art, is a self-taught mixed media artist and teacher.



She is the author of "Share Your Joy: Mixed Media Shareable Art."

Creativity is self-care for Sarah because playing with her art supplies in a curious and intuitive way allows her to banish her perfectionistic inner critic.

She has come to learn that it is this process, not the perfect end result, that brings her joy.



Effy Wild

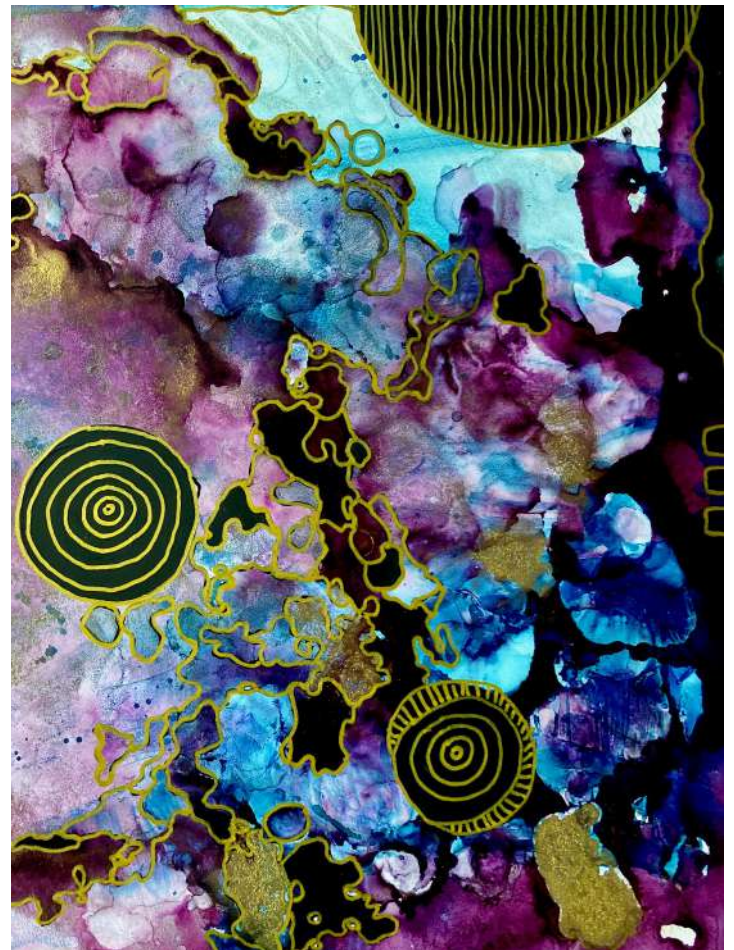
<http://learn.effywild.com>

Effy Wild is a Canadian mixed media artist, art journaling teacher, and writer based in Kitchener, Ontario.



She is known for integrating creativity with personal healing and spiritual exploration.

If you're interested in exploring her work further, you can visit her official website at effywild.com where you'll find links to all her places or <http://learn.effywild.com> where you'll find all of her current classes.



Karen Campbell

<https://awesomeartschool.mykajabi.com>

Karen Campbell is a full-time multi-media artist, educator, and author of over 20 art books.

As the founder of Awesome Art School, she inspires "late bloomers" to start creating art at any stage of life.



Through her online courses and books, Karen shares easy-to-follow techniques and encourages playful experimentation, helping students overcome self-doubt and perfectionism.

Her teaching is grounded in her own journey—from feeling creatively stuck to building a thriving art business.

Karen's mission is to make art fun, accessible, and confidence-boosting for everyone. Follow her on Instagram for creative inspiration, real talk about the artist's life, and a welcoming dose of encouragement.





Lisa Goddard

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Lisa Goddard is a mixed media artist and tutor living on the edge of the Peak District national park in the UK. She is passionate about art journaling and bookmaking.

Lisa began art journaling and journal making around twenty years ago, after completing a fine art degree. Art journaling has since become a space for her to express herself, process emotions, experiment, and play, a place to create stories and tell her own.



Lisa works predominantly with mixed media.

She loves the freedom of not being restricted in what she can use, and feels there are always new exciting combinations to discover.

She loves to combine collage, texture, fabric and paper with splashes of colour on her pages and often uses vintage images and found text.

She is also inspired by nature and using natural materials to create textures, colours and marks in her work.

Jenny Manno

<https://www.jennymanno.com>

Jenny Manno is a mixed media artist and art educator with nearly 30 years of experience inspiring creatives of all levels. Known for her expressive portraits and bold use of color, Jenny brings a sense of freedom and play to everything she creates.



Her work blends traditional materials like acrylic paint, graphite, charcoal, gesso, and chalk pastel pencils with a style that encourages breaking rules and trusting your creative voice. Jenny loves teaching and sharing the many techniques she's developed, especially those that make mixed media feel approachable and fun. She believes art should be joyful, not pressure-filled, and helps students explore without fear of perfection.

Whether working on watercolor paper or wooden panel board, Jenny's process is about layering, experimenting, and finding magic in the messy middle.

Through her online lessons and resources, she opens the door for others to build confidence, try new materials, and fall in love with creating again. Her mission is simple but powerful: to remind people that their creativity matters, and that art is truly for everyone.





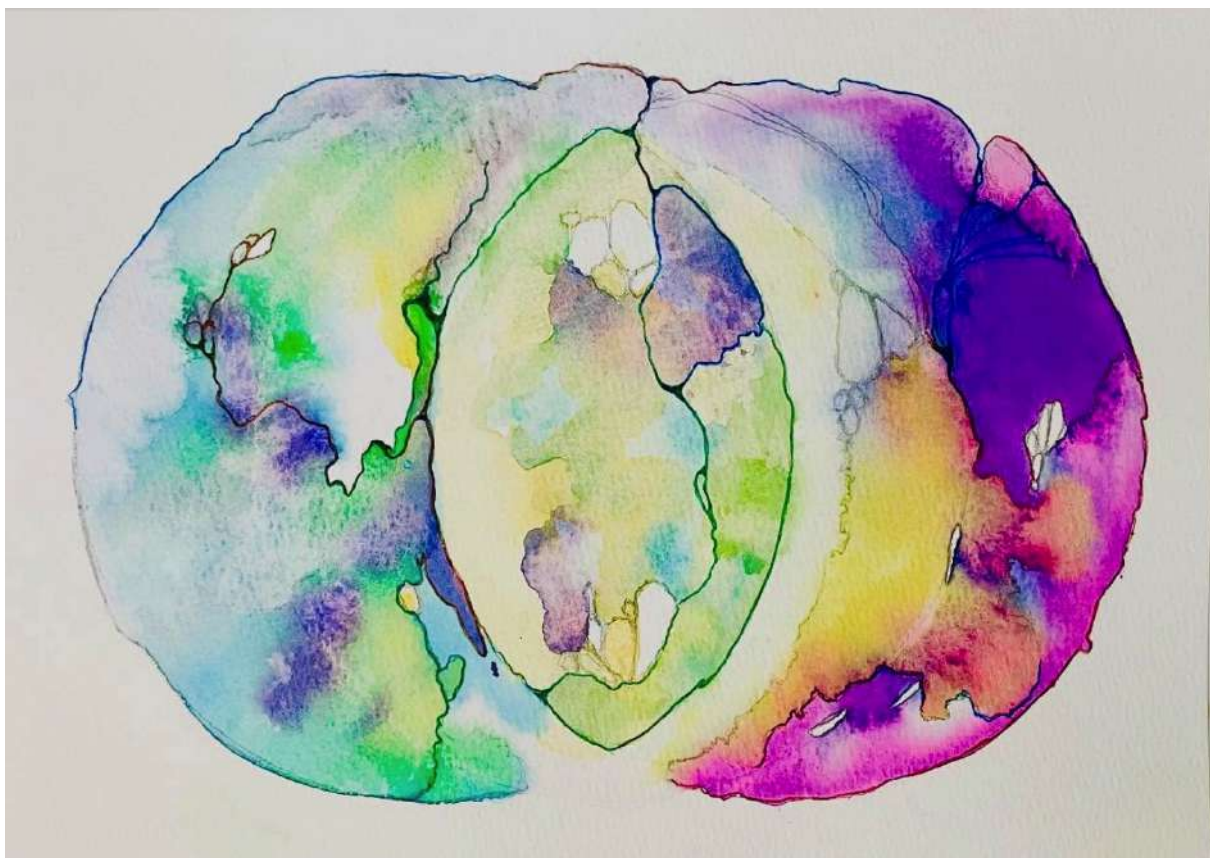
Cynthia Hauk

<https://mindfulcreativemuse.com>

If you've ever felt too busy to make art, judged your work as "not good enough," or lost your joy in the process, Cynthia Hauk, MFA, understands.

As the founder of Mindful Creative Muse, she offers a mindful and playful path back to creativity.

With bold colors, simple practices, and a touch of everyday magic, Cynthia helps students in over 50 countries release self-doubt and reconnect with their creative muse through her online classes and internationally accredited teacher trainings.



Melanie Rivers

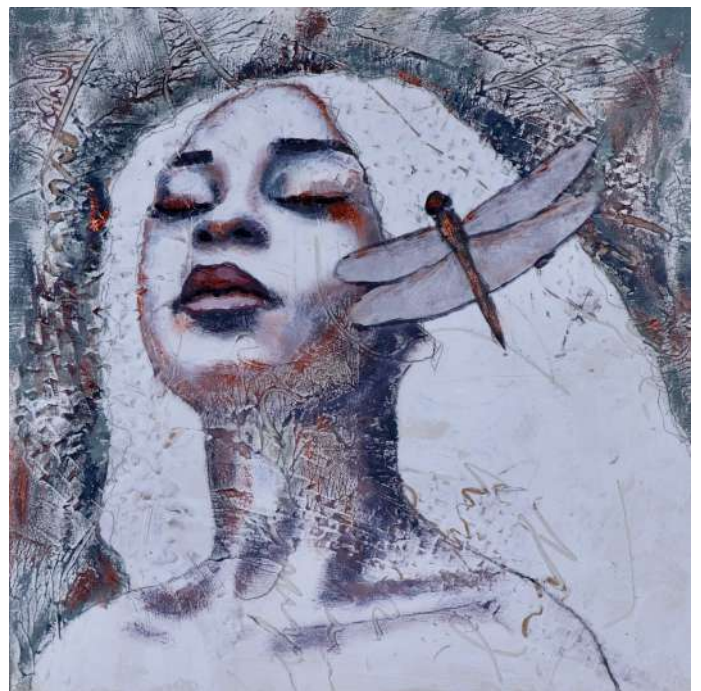
<https://www.melanierivers.ca>

Melanie Rivers, Tiyalwet, is an Indigenous mixed media artist. She is from the Squamish First Nation and draws from her traditional ancestry in her art and classes.



She helps women learn to love their creative time so they can consistently show up for themselves and experience more joy, relaxation, and energy in their lives. She is a trained Expressive Arts Practitioner and experienced educator of 25 years. Melanie hosts a creative membership where women learn to paint nature inspired portraits.

She provides gentle guidance for women so they can experience the medicines of creativity and connect to their own unique voice.





Shawn Petite

<https://www.shawnpetite.com>

Shawn Petite is an artist who's been creating and teaching for over 30 years in many different mediums, but found her art soulmate in mixed media. Shawn lives in Ohio (US) with her husband and two furry children.

Shawn creates soulful and instructive mixed media workshops, creates and sells her own line of stencils and has created a wonderfully thriving mixed media membership group.

Shawn's goal is to inspire you on your own journey of creating by giving you loving encouragement and helping you go from uncertain to confident in your creative practice.



Shawn's favorite quote: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou.

Shawn can't wait to share this creative journey with you!

Heather Mader

<https://heathermaderart.com>

Heather Mader is a mixed media artist, intuitive teacher, and passionate floral explorer.

Her art journey began with a messy cup of paint and a burst of curiosity, and she has been joyfully experimenting ever since.



With a background in classical music and years of teaching experience, Heather now guides others in embracing creative freedom through expressive, floral-inspired art.



She lives in the Pacific Northwest, works full-time as a personal chef, and is currently studying energy medicine—where art, intuition, and healing intersect.



Lindsay King Smith

<http://www.lindsaykingsmithart.com>

Lindsay is an abstract floral artist and painting instructor based on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where salt air and wild blooms shape much of her work. She creates with acrylics, pastels, and mixed media, often layering paint over handwritten intentions, and chaos layers. Her signature style is colorful, textured, and emotionally honest—equal parts chaos and charm.



As a mother of three and lifelong daydreamer, Lindsay's work often straddles the real and the imagined. She finds beauty in fleeting moments and brings a sense of story to her florals, as if each bloom has a secret.

For this collaboration, she's sharing a whimsical, fairytale-inspired floral piece—an invitation to loosen up, play, and reconnect with your inner creative spirit.

When she's not painting, Lindsay hosts weekly paint-alongs, teaches online classes, and shares her artistic process through sketchbooks, Substack, and slow studio days.

Her goal is simple: to help others fall in love with making art in a way that feels personal, joyful, and real.



Melanie Bess

<http://www.theswimmingowl.com>

Melanie Bess, also known as The Swimming Owl, is a moon-loving mixed media artist who blends celestial wonder with cozy cottagecore vibes—inviting us into her enchanting world of cosmic cottagecore. ✨🌙🍄



Through uplifting YouTube videos, charming colouring books, and a vibrant online shop filled with art and curiosities, Melanie shares a universe where starry skies meet wildflower fields, and magic feels right at home. Her work is a celebration of nature, intuition, and gentle whimsy—crafted to inspire joy, comfort, and a sense of belonging in the cosmos.



With a background in both art and healing, Melanie brings a deeply intuitive, heart-led approach to her creations. Whether she's painting dreamy moonlit creatures, designing playful characters for her colouring books, or sharing gentle musings on her YouTube channel, her work invites viewers to slow down, reconnect with wonder, and find magic in the everyday. The Swimming Owl isn't just an artist name—it's a symbol of quiet wisdom, playful spirit, and the beauty of living a creative, enchanted life.

Andrea Gomoll

<http://www.andrea-gomoll.de>



Andrea Gomoll is a multifaceted artist and art instructor from Berlin, Germany. Her creativity spans across various mediums, including painting - preferable using watercolors, artjournaling, collage and papercrafting.

She embraces a broad approach to art, believing in the power of creative expression as a tool for personal exploration and emotional healing. Drawing inspiration from both intuitive and structured practices, Andrea explores how art can unlock mental clarity, spiritual growth and joy.

Her work reflects a rich variety of media, styles and techniques, offering viewers and her students the freedom to explore different creative avenues and to embrace a vast variety of possibilities.



In addition to making art, being a published author of the book „WatercolorMagic“ and having launched several products featuring her art, Andrea shares her knowledge and joy for art on social media, as well as through several online courses, where she inspires and encourages others to use art as a way to express, enhance their wellbeing and connect with their inner selves through the creative process.



Danita Art

www.danitaart.com

Idania Salcido is the creative force behind Danita Art, a self-taught, multidisciplinary artist who believes in the quiet, transformative magic of imagination. Her work—ranging from dreamy watercolors and expressive folk art paintings to handmade dolls and ceramic sculptures—brings a unique perspective or art and storytelling from her magical inner world, in a celebration of wonder, mystery, and the stories that live just beneath the surface of everyday life. Deeply inspired by nature, fairy tales, folklore, antique treasures, and the inner lives of women, Idania's art invites viewers into whimsical worlds where anything feels possible.

She's a daydreamer and beauty-seeker who finds magic in small things: a pressed flower, a well-worn book, a dusty marionette, or a faded photograph. Her pieces often feel like relics from another time—tangible fragments of a universe that exists in her heart and mind. Though words don't come easily to her, Idania tells rich, emotional stories through her visual work.



She believes that art can be a powerful form of enchantment, helping us reconnect with the childlike parts of ourselves that still believe in magic. Idania's creations live in private collections around the world, and her work has appeared on the cover of books and magazines. When she's not in her studio, you'll likely find up with a novel, wandering through an antique shop, or walking in the woods whenever she has the chance to visit one—always with her eyes open for little signs of wonder.





Renata Loree

<http://renataloree.com>

Renata Loree was born in Czechoslovakia, and her dream was to become an artist, even though at a young age, she didn't necessarily know what that meant. All she knew was that being creative and spending time with a paint brush in her hand was pretty good way to spend time to create beautiful art.

But as she soon learned the reality of life had a way to steer her in a different direction. She ended up across the ocean and most of her time was spent by tending to her needs for survival. Abandoned by her family for support, not just financially but emotionally and in other practical ways that a young adult needs to find her way in the world, she quickly learned how to be practical, but at the same time she used art as an escape.



It wasn't until her son moved out to college, when she finally decided to fully devote herself to creating art, and she has done so ever since finding even little time every day.. Art was like her lifeline and still is.

Renata's greatest passion is painting portraits in many different mediums, even though she also likes to paint still life, sceneries and abstracts.

Angela Kennedy

<https://www.instagram.com/pennystamper>

Angela Kennedy is a mixed media and watercolour artist based in Southern Oregon, where she lives with her husband and two sons. She's been immersed in the world of arts and crafts for as long as she can remember, but everything changed in 2007 when she discovered mixed media. From that moment on, she began creating daily, exploring new techniques, and developing her distinctive artistic voice. By 2010, Angela was teaching online and building a vibrant creative community through her art.



Her work is a playful and expressive mix of watercolour, coloured pencils, and ink—often centred around whimsical portraits and moody, textured backgrounds. While her colour palettes often include soft, ethereal tones, Angela is known for bringing in bold contrasts with rich blacks and striking colour combinations like teal and orange, or rainbow hues with a dark twist.

As a longtime designer for Penny Black Inc. and a passionate teacher, Angela brings a thoughtful and encouraging presence to her classes. She loves sharing her process with others and helping students build confidence in their creative journey. Her teaching is clear, inspiring, and joy-filled—empowering students to explore their own artistic voice with curiosity and heart.



Tiffany SharPe

<https://tiffanysimplysharpe.com>

Tiffany Sharpe enjoys working with watercolor, mixed media, and creating unique handmade books. As a former chemistry teacher, Tiffany enjoys learning through experimentation and play.



Her goal is to encourage others to let go of perfectionism and embrace a stress-free creative practice of their own.

Tiffany has spent many years traveling and has called many places her home, but she is now settled in Minnesota with her husband, two children, cat, and puppy.



When she's not painting, you can find her walking her puppy and looking for inspiration in nature.

Lucy Brydon

<https://lucysartlab.com>



Lucy Brydon is an artist and educator weaving together paint, story, and myth from her home in the wild Scottish countryside. Inspired by the magic of ancient forests, Celtic folklore, and the quiet beauty of nature, her work invites viewers into enchanted worlds where woodland creatures roam and fairy tales feel alive.

Working mainly in gouache and watercolour, Lucy's paintings blend delicate detail with a sense of wonder, capturing the timeless pull of stories passed down through generations.



She shares this passion for art and storytelling with thousands of students around the world through her online school, Lucy's Art Lab, and as a teacher in the Celtic Collective, a creative sanctuary for fantasy and myth-inspired art that she teaches in alongside her art bestie, Karen Campbell.

She is also currently teaching a course that is steeped in Scottish myth and history, based on the Outlander novels! When not teaching or creating, she sometimes hosts art retreats in historic Scottish castles—inviting others to step into the magic of their own creativity.

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