

Instructor Bios

Shirley Blake graduated from the University of Iowa with graduate work at Northern Illinois & the University of Minnesota. She is an award winning artist & has taught in adult education for 20 years.

Sue Beavers earned her BA and MA at the University of Wisconsin with post graduate work in Expressive Arts. Sue taught in the Madison Metropolitan School District in Madison, Wisconsin for 30 years. She also studied Sumi-e painting with Yolanda Mayhall.

Joe Cooper earned a B.S. degree from Pennsylvania State University, M.S. degree from New York State University and did graduate work at Cornell University. He taught art for thirty-three years in Pennsylvania and New York.

Doug Corsini is a graduate of the Art Institute of Boston & the Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston. He did post-graduate work at the Vatican School of Art in Florence, Italy. He has also taught at the Art Institute of Boston in the Sculpture Department.

Dr. Sandra Coyle holds a Ph.D. in Human Development. She also designs, creates and teaches the art of beaded jewelry. Her designs have won awards including 2nd place in the Art League's 2007 Art Focus Exhibition.

Ted de Clercq is a native of Quebec. He now resides in Naples where he continues to paint and teach. Ted is widely known for his ability to paint photo-realistic works, he also produces sweeping landscapes and imaginative figurative drawings.

Frank de la Roche graduated from Universite de Montreal. He studied sculpture under Charlotte Lapointe. Frank is an award-winning artist whose work can be found in many private and public collections.

Anne Dalton As Senior Attorney for Radio City Music Hall, and Network News/Business Affairs Attorney for ABC News "20/20" and Associate Producer for ABC "Good Morning America/News" in New York City, Anne Dalton acquired the skills and experience necessary to assist creative artists with legal matters. She currently represents a wide variety of creative artists in Florida and elsewhere and has 34 years of legal experience in Florida, New York City, and Pennsylvania.

Michael Domina is a signature member of the New England Watercolor Society and an associate member of the American Watercolor Society. He offers workshops throughout Massachusetts and his home state of Vermont. Mike encourages students to think about dynamic composition, lively brushwork and creating rhythm and harmony through shape, value, texture and color.

Cheri Dunnigan earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the Cleveland Institute of Art. She has taught metal-smithing and design at Rhode Island College.

Garth Francis is an award winning photographer and professional photographer for more than 20 years. Garth studied photojournalism at Indiana University and with Ansel Adams in California.

Roberta Grayson has over 30 years experience in the art of making beautiful beaded jewelry. Roberta customizes and makes each piece creatively unique by adding vintage brooches, earrings and other "found" pieces.

John Goodlet holds a BME from The City College of New York, an MSME from Columbia University and is a Professor Emeritus from New York City Technical College.

Marion Haley After graduating from McGill University, Marion started her career as a classroom teacher on Long Island.

she obtained her Masters in Art History and Studio Arts at Adelphi University, where she majored in printmaking. Presently Marion has concentrated her talents on her fused glass, jewelry and stone sculpture artworks.

Dee Julian holds a Bachelor of Art and Science from the College of Mt. St. Joseph. Masters in Art Education from Ohio University.

Steve Johnson has been working as a graphic print maker and fine art painter for the past 10 years. His work has won many awards and is in various collections throughout the state of Florida. Of his own work, Steve stated, "In my work, emphasis is placed on process and content. It consists of a layering of media, text and imagery. The combination of abstract and representational imagery confronts the viewer with a wealth of information meant to explore over time."

Patty Kane is an award-winning artist who studied at Crealde School of Art in Winter Park, FL. She continues to share her passion for painting and mixing color. Her work has been exhibited on a local, regional, and national level.

Genie Kell holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from John Herron Art Institute & Master of Arts degree from New York University, complemented by undergraduate study at Yale & Columbia Universities & training at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City. Genie annually offers workshops in the U.S., Europe & Central America.

Richard Kirk studied at Palomar College in San Diego, California. He developed an illustration business with customers such as American Express and Fidelity Investments. He has taught extensively.

Steve Kravec is a graduate of Ohio State University with a BFA in Ceramic Art and Art History and Masters of Art in Ceramic Art.

Doug MacGregor Doug is a local cartoonist, artist, children's book author and illustrator. He is a favorite among parents, students and educators all around southwest Florida. He has extensive experience teaching classes in art, creativity and cartooning for all ages. He is a graduate of Syracuse University with a BFA in Illustration. He has been an editorial cartoonist for 32 years and has created several children's books including his most recent, Turtellini, The Turbo-Charged Turtle, and Rad Hair Day. His popular book, Get Creative, Turn On The Bright Side of Your Brain is a terrific resource for the young and young at heart.

Cynthia L. McIntyre is an award winning glass artist with several years of experience in fused glass & lampwork. Her work is inspired by her love of the coast and contemporary art.

Jackie Moore is on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Florida Pastel Society and is an award winning artist whose work has been exhibited across the country.

Craig Price graduated from Wittenberg University with a B.A. in Theatre and English. He then went on to Chicago to train with Second City and Improv olympic. After moving to Denver and performing for 5 years with ComedySportz, he spent 5 years on the road as a Stand-Up Comedian. He settled down in Naples and has been performing and teaching at the Sugden with the Naples Players. Craig is currently performing with Naples City Improv and is the Performing Arts Director for the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs.

Merri Roderick graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with honors in sculpture. Her career was centered in the giftware industry the past 20 years.

Rinny Ryan first touched clay in college in 1962. She received her BA in ceramics from the University of Miami and completed her graduate work at Antioch College, The Maryland Institute of Art, and the Penland School of Crafts. She subsequently apprenticed with Mary Nyburg for two years. Rinny currently teaches at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Shelly Salter is a graduate of the University of Miami, Florida with a BA in Communications and Art and has over 30 years experience as a working artist.

Kitrick Short was born in Oregon and comes from a background of talent. His mother was an art teacher at Oregon State College and for the Oregon Public Schools. Kitrick Short is a university trained artist, having earned his Bachelor of Fine Art degree from the University of Oregon after receiving his Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps. Upon graduation from college, Kitrick traveled throughout Europe, studying the Great Masters of Art.

Renzo Soriano has worked in entertainment for over 20 years. He has worked in production on the visual effects movies, "Titanic," "An American Werewolf in Paris" and the "Batman" series. Renzo held the title of Documentary Producer, Line Producer and Assistant Director on many Independent films and studied acting with Sanford Meisner.

Roger Tachuk has serves on the Center for the Arts board and has been an active member for over 11-years.

Trish Tinsley, graduate of Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, is a former public school educator & jewelry artist. She is a certified instructor in both Art Clay & Precious Metal Clay (PMC). Her work has been exhibited nationally & internationally in galleries.