

## ***BRIAN BAKOS:***

Northeast Ohio based artist, Brian Bakos, is a self-taught landscape and abstract painter. Over the last several years, he has worked with other mediums such as stained glass and wood, combining them with painting and creating visually appealing art pieces.

Brian works at a studio in Merriman Valley and is based out of his home studio in Stow. He has taught art classes for local Cub Scout troops, and has his work displayed at local galleries, businesses, and exhibitions.

Brian's work is inspired by the surrounding geography and natural colors of Northeast Ohio, his two boys, family, and friends.

## ***KALAB BUMBAUGH:***

My name is Kalab Bumbaugh. I am a student at Cleveland Institute of Art majoring in Illustration. My passion and my love is for illustration. I live for telling stories through the design of a character's clothing, facial expression, body and shape language. I am also passionate about inspiring the younger generation to be creative and create their own stories. I was lucky enough to be given a chance to do that over the summer at Stone Branch School of Art, where I was able to teach younger kids how to cultivate their own stories while also providing them with basic fundamentals and principles of art.

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Portfolio: <https://kalabbumbaugh.artstation.com/>

## ***CINDY CLOUD:***

*Long time Stow resident, Cindy Cloud, enjoys painting in her free time. This is her second time being selected to have her art displayed on a traffic signal box in Stow.*

## ***ANNE GERAGHTY:***

Anne Geraghty is a talented local artist based in Stow, Ohio, known for her artistic skills and passion for teaching others to create. With a diverse portfolio and an appreciation for various mediums, Anne has captivated audiences through her visually striking works. Having showcased her art at venues such as the Cuyahoga Valley Art Center and Western Reserve Hospital, Anne has earned recognition for her unique artistic perspective and growing, evolving collection. Her exhibits have garnered praise for their ability to evoke emotion and inspire contemplation among viewers. In addition to her exhibitions, Anne has utilized her teaching talent to contribute to the community. She has organized and hosted fundraisers, using her expertise to

raise funds for charitable causes. Through her dedication and commitment to art education, Anne has empowered aspiring artists of all ages to unlock their creative potential. Anne is the proud owner and operator of A-Squared Art, LLC, a creative hub where she channels her artistic vision and undertakes commissioned projects. Her versatility allows her to cater to a wide range of artistic preferences and bring personalized visions to life. By collaborating closely with clients, Anne ensures that each commission reflects their unique vision and exceeds their expectations.

With her artistic prowess and commitment to her craft, Anne continues to make a lasting impact on the local art scene. Whether through her captivating exhibitions, her philanthropic efforts, or her ability to translate clients' visions into stunning artworks, Anne's artistry leaves a profound impression on all who have the pleasure of experiencing it.

Find Anne Geraghty's work in store at Up Front Art Space or visit [www.artbyanneg.com](http://www.artbyanneg.com)

More collaborative work may be found at [www.mobilecreatives.net](http://www.mobilecreatives.net)

## ***NANCY GREGG:***

Nancy Gregg is an award-winning artist residing in Stow, Ohio, whose work is being enjoyed across the country and Europe. She paints large, vibrant oil paintings only with her fingers (and gloves, of course) and smaller impressionist pieces with painting knives. Her work represents a diverse range of subject matter, including florals, animals, landscapes, seascapes, and people. Her goal is to create pieces that stimulate joy in the viewer and encourage a sense of positivity.

Nancy's art education is largely self-directed as she is continually working to combine her palette knife and finger painting techniques into her own recognizable, colorful style. Her major influences were supported by workshops and coaching by Lois Griffel, Susan Sarback and Mike Rooney. Iris Scott and Kimberly Tremper have been most inspirational and helpful in developing her finger painting techniques.

Nancy has had numerous solo and shared shows in Northeast Ohio and also sells at local art festivals.

Work is for sale online and prints are available in all sizes on request. Commissions are accepted as time permits. Feel free to inquire at any time.

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

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## ***MITCH HARMON:***

Mitchell Harmon is a local artist from Stow, Ohio. He is a firm believer that art is a way of conveying the beauty of our soul and of nature into a form that words cannot deliver. It can deliver a bevy of emotions, sensations, and feelings that get sullied when we try to find ways to articulate it through verbal means.

Starting in December of 2020 he started his artistic journey by following along with Bob Ross tutorials. Since then he has taken this style of wet-on-wet oil painting and found ways to make his paintings his own. He has transformed photography and art from vacations, national parks and table-top games into many of his paintings today.

He offers many original paintings for sale, prints, and small abstract pieces as well. He has now begun offering small classes for those wanting to learn how to do wet-on-wet oil paintings and has learned how to do this from Bob Ross' son, Steve, and his friend Dana Jester. Contact him at [mittys.palette@gmail.com](mailto:mittys.palette@gmail.com) or find him on Facebook at Mitty's Palette if interested in purchasing a piece or wanting to set up a class.

## ***SUE KIRCHGESSNER:***

Sue Kirchgessner is a lifelong resident of Northeast Ohio, but a newcomer to Stow. Her day job is on the Marketing Team of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, where she works as a graphic artist promoting library services and programs. By night, she pursues her interests in ceramic and fiber arts. Curious about her work? View her projects at [skirchgessner.com](http://skirchgessner.com).

## ***ALLISON LAUGHLIN:***

Allison Laughlin is an acrylic painter who enjoys the colorful beauties of life. Allison grew up and currently lives in Mogadore, Ohio, with her family and four dogs. She has a huge heart for animals.

Allison has always enjoyed painting in her free time, mainly floral pieces. Something about looking at the different hues and shapes tells a story within the flower which makes her smile and she wants to make others smile as well. She has a creative eye for all sorts of things and always has a project going on. June of 2022 she "retired" from the hair industry. Allison had formal hairstyles published in bridal magazines and has been recognized from a few of the industry's top companies on Instagram for her work, along with worldwide creative color competitions.

Allison is a school bus driver for Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools. She started taking photographs on field trips, some of which are inspirations for her paintings. She enjoys painting when she has free time in her busy life.

Allison's Facebook: LAcractions

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### ***GIOVANNA McLEAN:***

As an Illustration major at Cleveland Institute of Art, I am passionate about creating art that touches people's hearts and inspires the younger generation through motivating characters and visual storytelling. I take pride in my Hispanic heritage and draw inspiration from the cultures I was raised with to create illustrations that are representative of my community. It's important to me that the younger generation sees themselves reflected in the art they consume, which motivates me to create products and merchandise that I would have wanted as a child. With my academic background and experience growing up in a Hispanic household, I am committed to pursuing a professional career as an illustrator and designer. My goal is to create art that is both meaningful and accessible to a wide audience.

Portfolio: <https://giovannamclean.artstation.com/>

### ***NICOLE MELCHI:***

**Nicole Melchi** is a resident of Stow where she lives with her 5 children and husband, who is a Stow Firefighter. Nicole is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Professional Clinical Counselor, and Certified Gottman Couples Therapist. Her passion is helping couples and individuals build stronger relationships. She has a love for art and design and found joy in sketching and coloring as a child. She continued her appreciation of art throughout high school where she participated in the advanced art class at her alumni Walsh Jesuit.

As an adult, Nicole fostered her artistic side by refinishing furniture with the vision of making her house into a "home." She recognized the peace and mindfulness she acquired through engaging in art centered activities to calm her very busy mind!

After putting down the pencil and oil pastels 20 years ago, Nicole decided to take them back up last year as a way to pray. She began creating religious art for her close friends and family. Nicole's faith and family are at the center of her vocation as well as the art she produces. Nicole has never sold or exhibited any of her art, as she does it solely as a gift of herself to others.

### ***BILLIE MOORE:***

Billie is a Stow resident and retired art teacher who formerly worked for Hudson City Schools. Her love of color and design has inspired her to make art, primarily paintings. “Plants and flowers are merely vehicles of what I feel is important: growth, play, and invention. I love the discoveries that unfold on the canvas.”

Billie has a Bachelor’s degree in Art Education from Kent State University and a Master’s degree from Nova Southeast University.

### ***KAY PHELPS:***

A photographer since childhood, Kay Phelps has been taking pictures most of her life. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Photo-Illustration from Kent State University and works as a commercial photographer at Regency, Inc in Akron. Her product photography has appeared in catalogs, brochures and online at major ecommerce retail sites such as Amazon, Wal-Mart, Home Depot and Target. Her personal photography focuses on texture, vibrancy and detail. This is represented among varying subject matters drawn from architecture, urban decay, nature and animals.

Kay has also worked in the retail custom framing industry since 2008. She has worked in both production and management positions in both big box retail frame stores and her own home-based business that became Up Front Art Space, Plan 10 Photodesign. For the first few years of Plan 10’s existence, Ms. Phelps focused on photography and creative services for the local music community. She also spent 3 years as the lead restoration specialist at a disaster recovery company, where she learned valuable experience in all forms of material handling, preservation and how to safely revive and restore artwork across several mediums. In 2015, Ms. Phelps began successfully incorporating framing, restoration as well as both selling at and planning/hosting local art shows into Plan 10’s repertoire. She currently lives in Kent, Ohio with her family.

[www.upfrontartspace.com/shop-kay-phelps](http://www.upfrontartspace.com/shop-kay-phelps)

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**ANDREA SCHEPIS:**

*Andre Schepis has lived in Stow for over 30 years and was an art teacher in several Stow/Munroe Falls schools for 36 years where her two adult children also attended. Andrea received her BFA from Kent State University and has done post graduate work at Kent State University, Cleveland Institute of Art, Ashland University and two Earth Expeditions through Miami University. These Expeditions took her to Belize and Peru to study Forest and Marine Ecology, Entomology and Ornithology. After these life changing experiences Andrea began to source materials for her work from discarded materials, including floppy discs, various packaging and silica gel beads, to keep them from disposal and possible environmental issues. She finds inspiration for her recent subject matter in species experiencing population decline or extinction, in hopes of impacting those that view her work to be moved to consider their impact on our environment. Andrea's works are in many private collections and have been included in many area exhibitions.*

*When not painting, Andrea works as adjunct faculty in Kent State University's Art Education Department, as a gallery assistant for Akron Soul Train Gallery, a ski instructor for Boston Mills Ski Resort, teaching art classes for Stow Parks and Recreation, and as part of Hudson Montessori Conservatory of Music. She loves to ski, garden, hike and travel.*

**NIRALI SCHRADER:**

Nirali Schrader is an Asian Indian born artist who moved to America in 2007 to earn a double Master's degree in Education. Teaching in classrooms helped Nirali realize that she wanted to continue to instruct and inspire but in a more creative capacity. She started her own business, Akron Henna Art, with her inspiration from the city where she completed her education and launched her career. The specialty medium of choice is henna, a plant-based dye native to her India and appreciated around the world for its ability to temporarily stain the skin to make beautiful body art. Nirali helps to share the healing properties of henna through her non-profit Henna Crown Art which gives another layer of beauty to courageous people who are fighting cancer. She also leads art classes online on behalf of Access the Arts, a non-profit, with the Medina Juvenile Center to share a new artistic expression with kids so they can learn to how to create works of art under her guidance.

Nirali's most recent public recognition came from the Mayor of Stow who recognized her work in part with other artists who donated their custom works of art that adorn and beautify light boxes at intersections around the city. For this artwork, a combination of digital and painted wooden mandala wear is overlaid onto city of stow lettering. Each side of the work includes inspirational words that are spiritual and healing. This art represents Nirali's inner growth and experiences as an artist which she feels is an actual healing experience via the colors and media used.

***BETH YOERGER:***

Beth Yoerger grew up in Summit county, and spent her childhood traveling. Inspired by the vibrant colors of nature, along with organic shapes and landscapes, she loves the process of creating, which is why most of her art is always lead by the colors on her palette that she is drawn to first, and then the design comes second.

Nature is first beautiful, and second functional. Beth aims to depict her own view of the beauty of nature through her artwork.

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