

## Fact Sheet

### Holiday Art Show: Treasures for the Season

The Guild of Berkshire Artists Art Show

**Format:** Virtual – link at <https://www.berkshireartists.org/holidayartshow20>

**Dates:** Friday, October 30, 2020 – Friday, January 22, 2021

[Note: The show is purposely left up after the holidays to leave the community with a sense of peace and joy for the season during these challenging times.]

**Giving back to the Community:** All artists pledge a minimum of 25% of their sales price to the charity of their choice, most giving to the United Way's COVID-10 Emergency Response Fund for Berkshire County (<https://www.berkshireunitedway.org/berkshirecountycovid19fund>). The artists provide information about their donations in their entries on the show's website.

**Artists in the Show:** Twenty-Eight artists from among the Guild's 160 members will be exhibiting 50 works of art in this year's Holiday Art Show: 4 photographers, 3 ceramists and 21 artists working in oil, watercolor, acrylics and other two-dimensional media. The art includes shimmering winter scenes, solid and elegant ceramics, lush oil/acrylic interpretations of Berkshires landscapes and some enchanting and whimsical pieces to boot. These are unusual, creative and original works from the best of our artistic community here in the Berkshires.

**Zoom Receptions to Meet the Artists:** Individual artists will be available to zoom on-line and talk about their work, lending a degree of personalization to the exhibit. Receptions will be held on November 10, 12, 17-19 and December 3 and 10. Reception times/artists listed on the last page.

**About the Guild of Berkshire Artists:** The Guild of Berkshire Artists is a Massachusetts Non-Profit Corporation, founded in September 2014 (formerly The Richmond West Stockbridge Artists' Guild). The Guild's first show drew approximately 30 artists to an exhibition space in The Richmond Congregational Church. Since then, membership has grown to more than 160 Berkshire area members working in the areas of oil and watercolor painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, woodworking, textiles, stained glass, mixed-media, multimedia and other art forms.

During the pandemic, the Guild continues to host a variety of virtual Meet the Artist programs, demonstrations and seminars and conducts sessions where artists get together on zoom to do art together and discuss their work. When appropriate and weather permitting, Guild artists have met outdoors -- and socially distanced -- to photograph, paint and draw around the scenic Berkshires.

The Guild has had virtual shows and one major in-person outdoor show entitled ***Six Feet Apart, Zero Degrees of Separation***. This show ran from October 10-24<sup>th</sup> and was held in cooperation with the innovative TurnPark Art Space, 2 Moscow Rd West Stockbridge, Mass.

Ordinarily the Guild has in-person shows in West Stockbridge at the 1854 Historic Town Hall on Main Street and has exhibited in other spaces such The Lenox Library's Welles Gallery, The Berkshire Humane Society, TKG in Pittsfield, the Good Purpose Gallery in Lee and in various commercial spaces in Pittsfield, Lenox, *Stockbridge*, Lee, *West Stockbridge* and Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Please see the Guild's website at <https://www.berkshireartists.org> for further information.

## Artists and Reception Dates

10-Nov	Lori Bradley	12-Nov	Andrea Bruce David Hagerty Veronica Martin Carolyn Newberger	17-Nov	Theresa Terry Susan LaRock Lorraine Klagsbrun
18-Nov	Debbie Smith Richard Lerman Keith Emerling	19-Nov	Bonnie Haig Kurt Canoe  Carolyn Abrams	3-Dec	Kinney Frelinghuysen Jamie Levine
10-Dec	Margie Skaggs Lear Levin				