



ARTISTS IN THE GARDEN

Kelly Bahmer-Brouse is a cartoonist, illustrator and writer who lives in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood of Cleveland. Her comics have appeared in the Scene Magazine's annual Comics Issue; her illustrations have been featured in event announcements for the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, where she & her husband have been gardeners since 2020. More of her work may be viewed at kellykomics.com.

Ryan Carruth (@im.drawing.nothing) is an artist based out of Cleveland, Ohio. Borrowing inspiration from American traditional tattooing, Mayan and Aztec Symbolism and abstract interpretation, the process is similar to looking at the clouds and deciding what you see. It begins with drawing the cloud like shapes and then quickly turning them into whatever they happen to look like without much thought or change, giving each piece its unique look while maintaining a level of similarity and style.

Kayle Gorenflo is a creative person and gardener living in Old Brooklyn. Their artistic interests include playing music, drawing and floral arranging.

Renata Jelito. This past year I have been creating the Ancestors Series, this involves repurposing of discarded materials, examining and dealing with loss, love and joy as well as working in clay. I am sharing some of these pieces with you today. Mixed media and clay are my most current creations.
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Jeff Kostura. Camera in hand, I'm just an amateur with a deep love for capturing the beauty in everyday moments. I don't shoot for a paycheck; I shoot to freeze the fleeting feelings and small details of the world around me. Join me on my visible journey as I learn, experiment, and share the stories my camera tells.

Bug Robbins, they/them, (MICA, 2013), is a full time illustrator for American Greetings and a multi-disciplinary freelance artist under the moniker Bug With A Pen. Their work is influenced by the bold colors of mid century designers, texture of traditional printmaking processes, and the magic of a naive folk art line. Their client list includes editorial and commercial names such as The New York Times, The Guardian, and Spotify. Currently they are in pursuit of a tattoo apprenticeship and enjoying hand painting folk traditional inspired flash which you can find @st.ink.bug on instagram.

Janet Smith. I am a retired nurse who wanted to pursue learning stained glass. I grew up around stained glass. My grandfather and father owned their own stained glass studio. I took beginner and advanced glasses. I also took a class in glass fusing which I would like to expand on. I enjoy learning and making various craft projects. I have a doll house which I built from a kit, weaving, sewing, embroidery and crochet. I am currently learning watercolor painting.

Ava Tapajna is a freshman at the Kent State University. She has experimented with many different forms of art, primarily abstract and installation art. Her creative focuses include abstract and experimental art, and she likes to explore emotions through her work. She has experimented with exploring these ideas in oil paint, sculpture, watercolor, and collage.

Gloria Wilder. Upon retiring from teaching Art at Bay Middle School, I found another form of creativity in my gardens and established a new venture called Gloria's Gardens. My work with flowers inspired me to create floral mosaics as garden extensions: between-the-rows stepping stones, flower pots and vases. In addition to my garden art, I create gourmet floral bakery, teas and bouquets.

HANDS-ON ART

Activities provided by: Renee Kolecki, Bert Orsini, Laura Stahl

Thanks to our visitors and sincere appreciation to our artists and makers!