

Many Thanks and Welcome to *Expressions of Asia 2015*

The Ringling Museum, Susan Sigman
WSLR –LP 96.5 wslr.org
Associate Curator, Kristin Sweeting
Singer, Angel Torres, Jr.
Tsunami Sushi and Habachi Grill

Sarasota Arts and Cultural Alliance
Curator, Pamela Callender
Videographer, Alice Leavengood
Sarasota, Florida SpringHill Suites Staff
Miss Suncoast Teen USA 2016, Elaina McKenna



Participating Artists

Wayne Eastep www.eastepphotography.com Wayne Eastep's photography is driven by a curiosity about people and a passion for culture. His artistic vision and well-trained eye produce striking and beautiful photographs. He shoots on location worldwide creating award winning images used in books, editorial features, advertising campaigns and corporate communications. His style is graphic and narrative. Wayne's broad experience enables him to handle assignments that are logistically complex and technically challenging. His personality and skills make Wayne an asset as an integral part of a creative team, particularly in building brands and relationships. Some clients for whom Wayne has worked at this level include: National Geographic, Smithsonian, Nikon, GE-Monogram, ExxonMobil, Nautica, Amerada Hess, United Technologies, Polaroid, UPS, Olympus, Met Life, Canon, AT&T, Partagas / Macanudo, Humana. Books Wayne has produced and photographed have required concept creation, extensive research, management of large budgets and complex logistics over a number of years *The Soul of Kazakhstan, Bedouin, The Living Seas, Last Blast at Wethersfield, The Wonders of Life*

Pam Sumner sumnerstudio@gmail.com Sumner complements her work as an artist by presenting workshops and lectures at Museums and Art Centers throughout the US and Canada. She also teaches through Ringling College of Art & Design, Sarasota public schools and provides instruction for private clients. Pamela holds a BA in Communications and Fine Arts – St. Lawrence University with Graduate Studies – University of Florence, Italy; Harvard; MIT; Boston University and UCLA. *It's partly an intellectual activity...a search for simplicity, a study of negative spaces. It's also an emotional activity...one day calm, the next day explosive...striving for perfection, accepting less and knowing when to put the damn brush down!*

Brandon Scott <http://brandonscottart.com> ...is an internationally recognized artist from New York who relocated to Bradenton, Florida. He coined the term "Uninhibited Expression" as a trademark for his emotional portrait art defined as neo-contemporary art; signaling a new era with a new interpretation of today's human condition. Scott is also an art scene Blogger/writer for the million plus online arts promotion on Facebook. Gaining in reputation, Scott displayed in the recent 2015 Leonardo Da Vinci exhibit and the Divine Michelangelo & Da Vinci: Sis-by-Side exhibit on loan from Florence Italy. Scott's work has recently been on display in Amalie arena by the TampaBay Lighting for the 2014-2016 seasons.

Kevin Costello www.kevincostelloart.com kpmcostello@comcast.net Kevin graduated the Chelsea School of Art and University of London's Goldsmiths College. He was Art and Architecture Correspondent for the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* and a Contributing Writer for *Arts and Culture Magazine*. At the San Francisco Academy of Art he taught drawing and sculpture and, at the San Francisco Museum of Art, art history. Kevin, a studio artist, is an instructor in landscape painting, as well as figure and conceptual drawing at the Ringling College of Art and Design. He lectures in contemporary art history at continuing education locations throughout Central West Florida.

Micole Bredean micbred1@verizon.net My subject matter deals with love in all its manifestation; platonic and erotic. To me, the essence of existence is expressed in these universal and timeless themes.

Anita Wexler www.anitawexler.com Wexler has her BFA from Parsons New School of Design and her Art education from Bank Street College both in NYC. Wexler has exhibited in New York City, Florida, Indiana, New Jersey and many other states. Wexler artwork has been included in many Art books including Best of World Wide Mixed Media 2013. Her work has been exhibited in museum shows and is part of the permanent collection of the Lake Eustis Museum of Art. Her work is in many private collections including that of William Wegman.

Tanya Gergel www.aroomfullofpaintings.com Tanya began exploring mixed media while working with blind and visually impaired students. Tanya lived in Japan for eight years. The artists there use Hanko stamps for their signatures. Tanya had her unique stamp created in stone. It translates "for my soul". Upon completion, each work of art is stamped on the back of the canvas. Her work has been displayed at The Celery Bar, Fun Girl Art, The Artist's Café' and through her website.

Caitlin Burns Caitlin@caitlin-burns.com Caitlin Burns is a 24-year-old art director, designer of Sarasota, FL. She is currently freelancing + traveling

Teri Snyder inksongsart@gmail.com www.inksongs.com Teri studied Sumi-e at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center and is a current member of the Sumi-e Society of America. She has displayed and sold her work throughout Florida. Sumi-e is Japanese for ink picture, and Teri finds a way to combine her profession as a software programmer with painting with ink and Chinese watercolor.

Claudia Larrain claudialarrain@mac.com Claudia is a visual artist who enjoys painting, drawing and photography. Her favorite styles range from surreal minimalism to abstract expressionism. Claudia is a conceptual artist, often using lessons from the Tao to inspire her work. She has a background in Clinical Psychology, Classical Ballet and has completed graduate courses in Fine Art Photography. Claudia has shown and sold her artwork in various galleries throughout Florida.

Angel Torres Jr. www.egyptconnect.net helly.goodtho@gmail.com Angel Torres Jr. joins us tonight from St Croix where he lives, writes, sings and produces his mellow sounds. Accompanying "Helly" is Dee Jay and programmer for WSLR Sarasota, Marcel Bauduin mbauduin68@gmail.com.

Tradeshow Participants

Sarasota Bonsai Society www.shofubonsai.org Kay Karioth Sho Fu literally translates as "wind in the pines", but to club members, it means so much more. For more than 35 years, Sho Fu has meant sharing an interest in a centuries-old art form through an informative monthly meeting where people can learn more about bonsai, it means camaraderie with an interesting cross-section of people, and it is a place where world-renowned bonsai masters teach their art to an ever-growing audience.

Sonia Ragan Tai Massage soniaragan@yahoo.com The roots of Thai bodywork lie in Buddhism. The monks brought their medical practices with them as they traveled through Asia and settled in Thailand around the 3rd century BC. The tradition of Thai bodywork was passed down orally from