

PAULA PEARL — www.paulapearlart.com

Paula started with watercolor painting about five years ago and soon after tried her hand at pastels. Although she has been pastel painting for only a few years, it has become a passion for her. The rich intensity of the colors and the layering effects that are possible with pastel make it her medium of choice.

Open Studio 11 am—7 pm: April 1, 9, 15.

CHARICE SILVERMAN — www.silvergirlarts.com

“Charice Silverman’s lushly painted works cast a critical eye on our current consumer culture. Her paintings depicting 'botox parties' and beauty products point out the absurdity of our fantasies and bring home how vulnerable we are to manipulation through images.” —Judith Linhares, School of Visual Arts.

Currently exhibiting works at Alfa Art Gallery.

DOREEN VALENZA — www.doreenvalenza.com

I am both a painter and collagist. My collage paintings are design puzzles, with no preconceived plan. The work evolves layer-by-layer, piece-by-piece, all while trying to incorporate a strong overall design element and balance.

Open Studio 2—7pm: March 20, 27.

ROSALIA VERDUN — www.rosaliart.com

As a young girl growing up in the inspirational Italy I first discovered my passion for the arts and my artistic intellect. This passion has since driven me to dedicate my energy and spirit towards the arts. Over time, I sought out and surrounded myself with divine works of art created by both man and nature in order to enhance my artistic awareness.

Open Studio 11 am—7 pm: March 19, 28. April 10, 11, 19.

All Open Studios will be at Alfa Art Gallery. For more information, please contact 732-296-6720 or info@alfaart.org

Alfa:

An exhibition featuring artists from
Alfa Art Gallery

**Showing at the
New Brunswick Free Public Library
March 22 — April 19, 2008**

Artists' Opening Reception
March 22, 2008

Featuring the works of:

Michael S. Fenton

John Hawaka

Anthony Kirov

Vesselin Kourtev

Paula Pearl

Charice Silverman

Doreen Valenza

Rosalia Verdun

**New Brunswick
Free Public Library**

732-745-5108

60 Livingston Avenue

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Alfa Art Gallery

732-296-6720

108 Church Street

I. Guide to the Works

Beginning in the Community Room,
first painting left of the entrance:

Artist: DOREEN VALENZA

1. Star Tulip Moon Flower
2. Subterranean Garden
3. Grasses of the Prairie
4. Axis Mundi
5. Drilling for Water

Artist: PAULA PEARL

6. Rover Rocks
7. Bucks County
8. Ennis

Artist: MICHAEL FENTON

9. Comfort's Embrace
10. Solitude in Blue
11. Tova
12. Blue

Artist: ANTHONY KIROV

13. Music

Artist: VESSELIN KOURTEV

14. New Brunswick —
"Sightline"
15. New Brunswick —
"The Tradition"

Artist: CHARICE SILVERMAN

16. I Am Curious

Artist: ANTHONY KIROV

17. Muse

Artist: ROSALIA VERDUN

18. Golfscape by the Water
19. Blue Fields

Continuing on the Library's Main Floor,
first painting left of the Reference Room entrance:

Artist: VESSELIN KOURTEV

21. New Brunswick—"Around Twilight"
22. New Brunswick—"The Living History"
23. New Brunswick—"The Pathways"
24. New Brunswick—"Spirit and Mystery"

II. Guide to the Artists

MICHAEL S. FENTON — www.msfonton.com

Most of my work comes from a combination of personal experience and emotional connection to a subject. I believe in the power of art to tell a story and to communicate attitudes, ideas and emotions and to create discussion.

Open Studio 11 am—7 pm: March 25, 26, 27. April 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 17, 18, 22, 24, 29, 30.

JOHN HAWAKA — nhawaka@aol.com

John Hawaka has received numerous awards in group and one-man juried shows throughout New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. He received the top award for "Nature in Abstraction," from Black Diamond Arts Council, Lackawanna County, Penn. He is also a member of Trenton Artists Workshop Association.

Open Studio 11 am—6 pm: April 17, 23. May 1.

ANTHONY KIROV — www.anthonkirov.com

I paint not what I see, but what I feel and imagine. I am happy when I touch the vibrating string of the world around us, and through it I recreate a new world, where colors, lines, and form are a vision different from the reality.

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VESSELIN KOURTEV — www.kourtev.com

Vesselin's strength as a painter is in his talent as an artist - every one of his ideas is supported by a wonderful choice of color, vital and alive, throughout the whole color spectrum. In most cases the faces are unobtrusive, showing through the background like sheer contours, weaving into the whole semi-aquarelle pulsation of the painting." —Ivan Botchev, St. Cyril and Methodeous University, Bulgaria

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