

PETRA BERNSTEIN, USA

Born and raised in the German countryside, Petra Bernstein learned to appreciate nature at an early age. Her artwork reflects how she feels and think about her surroundings. Every painting is a reaction to a feeling. Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Regensburg, Germany in 1991 and BFA from Salisbury University with a concentration in Painting, Summa Cum Laude, 2007

Living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, surrounded by an abundance of natural beauty and wildlife she gets inspired by the rhythmic reflections and the fluid movements of the water surface. The shapes and the density of the water plants offer endless possibilities for artistic interpretations and she focuses her attention to the ever changing light and weather conditions and their impact on the elements.

Her artwork ranges from close-up photographs and paintings of flora and fauna to abstract interpretations of the mystery of nature. *From 2018 she is represented by Monteoliveto Gallery in Milan, Paris and London and will be in our next Photography Show in Paris in November.*

Selection of Upcoming and Current Exhibitions and awards 2020

La Photographie à Paris, Paris, Galerie Dobkine & Kie, curated by Monteoliveto Gallery, November 2020.
"Through Your Lens" Photography exhibition, Milan edition, Spazio Tadini Home Museum, curated by Monteoliveto Gallery, June 2020, reported due to Covid-19.

Strong Women The Eastern Shore, group show Somerset County Arts Council Gallery March 4 to 28, 2020.

Luminosity, group show Salisbury Art Space Feb 5 to 28, 2020. 1st Place for Hudson Yards, Photograph.

Light And Shadow, group Show, Ocean City Center for the Arts Feb 4 to 29, 2020.

Regional Juried Photography Show, Rehoboth (DE) Art League, DE, Jan 31 to March 8, 2020.

Winter Abstracts, group Show, Bishop's Stock Fine Arts Gallery, Snow Hill, MD, Feb 6 to March 3, 2020.

Winter Member Juried Show, Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD January 4 to 20, 2020

Kaleidoscope, National Juried Exhibition, Gallery Clarendon in Arlington, VA Jan 6 to Feb 7, 2020

Show Participation and Awards 2019

Juried Member Show at the Art League of Ocean City, December 6 till 28, 2019

Juried Group Show *When Darkness Falls. Night Excursion*, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons Island, MD

Kaleidoscope, National Juried Exhibition, Gallery Clarendon in Arlington, VA Jan 6 to Feb 7, 2019

Small Wonders Juried Exhibition, Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD, Dec 4 to 29, 2020

Member Show at the SAS in Salisbury, MD, October 10 to November 20, 2019

Contemporary London, group Show, Coningsby Gallery in London, curated by Monteoliveto Gallery, October 13 to 26, 2019

Honorable Mention for "Weekend" at the *Water Works* Exhibit, Maryland Federation of Art

Showcase of Eastern Shore Artists at the SAS in Salisbury, MD Sept. 12 to Oct. 2, 2019

July 2019 Judge's Choice Award for "My Heaven on Earth" at the SAS in Salisbury, MD

August 2019 4th place at the *Waterscapes* Exhibit, Fusion Art

June 12 to July 11, 2019, group show "*Through the Eye of the Lens*", Salisbury Art Space Special Recognition Award for "Unity"

June 2019 Finalist in the *4th Annual Cityscape Art* Exhibit, Fusion Art

June 2019 group Photography Show at the Ocean City Center for The Arts in OC, Maryland

Group Show "*Raccontami...*", Spazio Tadini Home Museum in Milan, Italy, curated by Monteoliveto Gallery, June 2019

Juried Spring Member Show, Circle Gallery in Annapolis, MD

Juried Corporate Partner Show, Ocean City Art League in April

April 4 - 7, 2019 Artexpo New York, booth #373

Group Show "Little Treasures 2019", Galleria de Marchi in Bologna, Italy March 30 to April 11, 2019. Curated by Trevisan International Art.

"*Works on Paper*" Exhibition, Maryland Federation of Art Exhibition in Annapolis, MD

Group Show at Bishops Stock Art Gallery in Snow Hill, MD in February.

Hill Center TREEmendous Juried Exhibition March 7 to April 28, Hill Center Galleries and Capitol Hill Art League in Washington, DC

Finalist at the 3rd Annual "Colors" Art Exhibition

"*Lowe House of Delegates*" Exhibition in Annapolis, MD. Curated by the Maryland Federation of Art in Annapolis. January 16 to April 2019

Finalist at the 2nd Annual Women Artist Exhibition by Fusion Art

Show Participation and Awards 2018

Member Show Participation at the Art League of Ocean City, MD in December

Abstract Art Show Participation at the Art League of Ocean City, MD

Group Show "Tombola" at the Galerie Etienne de Causans, Paris, France, curated by Monteoliveto Gallery, Dec, 17 – Jan, 5, 2019

Group Show "#PhotographyCities", Spazio Tadini Home Museum in Milan, Italy, curated by Monteoliveto Gallery, June 8 to July 8

First Place at the Wicomico Tourism Photo Contest 2018

Solo Show "My Wicomico" Photography and Paintings, Robinson Gallery, Salisbury, MD

"My Wicomico" Photography and Painting exhibition, Studio E, Ocean City Art League, Maryland

Group Show "Winter Abstracts", Bishop Stock Fine Arts and Crafts Gallery in Snow Hill, MD

Special Merit Award for "A Brand New Day", and "Messenger", Animal Art Exhibition, Time Light and Space

Online Art Exhibition "Light and Shadow" by the Maryland Federation of Art Special Recognition for "Weeping Beauty", Nature Art Exhibition by Light Space and Time

Finalist at the Figures and Faces Online Art Exhibition by Fusion Art for "Still Blue

Honorable Mention for "Healing in Mauve", watercolor on paper in the Painting Category and for "The Royal Horse Guard", archival prints in the Photography Category

Special Recognition for "Hudson Yards Sunset", for "Midtown Sunset" and for "Illumination" archival prints at the All Woman Art Exhibition "Light Space & Time" in the Photography Category

2017 Shows and Awards

Painting Group Show "Little Treasures", Galleria de Marchi, Bologna, Italy. Oct. 2017

Photography Group Show, Agora Gallery, NY, Oct 2017

Third Place for "Sea Mystery" at the Member's Juried Show at the Center for the Arts in OC, MD

2016 Shows and Awards

Judges Choice Award for "All at Once" for Small Works at the AI&G, Salisbury, MD

Award of Excellence for "Unity" for Petite Works at the AI&G, Salisbury, MD

Honorable Mention for "One More Sunset" for Petite Works at the AI&G, Salisbury, MD

"Winter Abstracts" Group Show at Bishop's Stock Gallery in Snow Hill, MD

2005 - 2015 Shows and Awards

2015 Solo Exhibit at the Robinson Gallery at the AI&G, Salisbury, MD

2014 Voted "Best Artist" for Wicomico County by Coastal Style Magazine

Best in Show at the Member Show for "Free on Friday" at the AI&G, Salisbury, MD

Group Show at Bishop's Stock Gallery in Snow Hill, MD

2013 Honorable Mention for "Iridescent", Mid-Atlantic Juried Exhibit AI&G in Salisbury, MD

2012 Second Place at the Spring Member Show at the AI&G, Salisbury, MD

2011 Solo Show at Bishop's Stock Gallery in Snow Hill, MD

Honorable Mention for "Harmony" at the AI&G, Salisbury, MD

2010 Solo Exhibit at the Foyer Gallery in Salisbury, MD

People's Choice Award for "Modern Muse", National Juried Show AI&G, Salisbury, MD

Special Award at the "Big" Show at the AI&G in Salisbury, MD

2009 Best in Show for "Night Light" at the National Juried Show at the AI&G, Salisbury, MD

2007 Solo Exhibit at the Foyer Gallery, Salisbury, MD

2006 Honorable Mention for "Can We Go Now?", Figurative Show AI&G, Salisbury, MD

2005 Show participation