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## President's Message

December 23, 2019

### Greetings!

Standing room only was the scene from Audubon's reception as we celebrated our 77th Annual at the historic Salmagundi Club, NYC. Orchestrating the entry process by our Administrator with her Medium Directors was the foundation of this venue. They gave the show's "hanging team" 200 eclectic art works to masterly beautify the walls and pedestals in the Salmagundi galleries, paving the way for our museum art curator, Harry Bower, to carefully generate his fifty-one award picks as shown on our website.

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In keeping with tradition, several award sponsors made their way to the podium to present awards to the winners. And commentaries were in order for both sponsors and excited winners. How fortunate we were to have Kathy Engel, the granddaughter of our founder Michael Engel Sr. accept an invitation to present her three major sponsored awards, and to reflect on Audubon's history . Done through the eyes of her grandfather as well as her father, who played a major role as President and Historian during Audubon's formative years, Kathy played out the historic role of her family's contributions in shaping this prestigious art society. Also honored was her grandmother and former Audubon member Mary Black Diller as sponsor of the Memorial Illustrators Award in Graphics.

And for those fortunate to be in attendance, our guest speaker W. Carl Burger provided insightful, and hilarious entertainment. As the most senior Honorary Member of this art society, the Art Professor Emeritus Burger had no qualms about jabbing current "intellectual" art movements; but, he was quite generous with accolades about our exhibit.

hours to govern our organization.

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Your donation will be acknowledged in our Newsletter and on our Website. Again, we thank all our donors.

Nothing but positive feedback was shared from members receiving the Anniversary catalog, as championed by Editor and First V.P. Evelyn Floret. After a dedicated two year project of compiling historic documents and featuring that 2017 art exhibit, this catalog is worthy of a "coffee table" display with additional copies available from our [Checkout](#) section.



Audubon Artists 2019 at the Salmagundi Club  
Photo by Villo Vargas

I'd like to reach out to those exhibitors who now qualify for Elected Membership after being in three jury shows with us to contact me to become a member of our Audubon family. Also, anyone interested in starting a memorial award for a deceased member of our art society can contact me or to support an ongoing annual sponsorship for our former beloved president David Beynon Pena's memorial award which is set up in the Checkout section of our website ([www.audubonartists.org](http://www.audubonartists.org)). As a bonus with membership, consider the link to your website from the Membership List for a nominal price, as listed in our [Checkout section](#).

In closing, let's look forward to the next Spring/Summer issue. We will send out a "heads up" to gather your newsworthy events and to announce the breaking news regarding the 78th Annual. We are fortunate to have Pat Hutchinson, our Newsletter Editor, ready to gather pertinent info and implement this edition.

Respectfully,

Vincent J. Nardone, President  
Audubon Artists Inc.  
[nardoneart@comcast.net](mailto:nardoneart@comcast.net)

## Who's Who at Audubon Artists

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## **Board News**

### **From Your Audubon Anniversary Catalog Author, Evelyn Floret**

When Vinnie Nardone asked me to serve as chair of Audubon Artists 75th Anniversary Catalog in lieu of the reception we forfeited since the exhibition space at the Salmagundi Club could not hold our artists' work at that time, I thought, no problem, it sounded like an enticing opportunity. As it turned out, there were lots of unexpected hurdles requiring constant oversight, revisions and editing of this complex document with complete dedication. Believe me, I'm not complaining, it was well worth it!

Since our last reception in 2019, and as a salute to our organization, we finally fulfilled our promise to deliver complimentary copies of the Catalog to our membership, treasured sponsors and contributors, in honor of our award winners and every artist's work displayed in the 2017 online show. As you hold the

catalog in your hands, you take a trip through time to the present via words, images and rare memorabilia.

Contributions by the ever vigilant Vinnie Nardone, Joe Villa and his impeccable design, Pat Hutchinson, Tony Magliaccio, Johanna Lisi, Elaine Clayman, our Honorary Members, Gary Erbe, Carl Burger, Rhoda Yanow, Rhoda Sherbell, Miklos Sebek, as well as Alison Pena, Liz Angelini, Tova Navarra, Peter Barnett, the Martino family, Michael Engel Jr., Michael Engel III, Kathy Engel and the cooperation of the New York Historical Society...the result is a deep love of art that underlines our message today through all the yesterdays. We hope that your trip with first person accounts from 1942 to 2017 is enriching and enlightening. At last, we have this historical document that tells our story and honors our revered organization.

If you are interested in purchasing additional copies of our 75th Anniversary Catalog, they can be ordered in the Checkout section of Audubon website for a fee of \$40 each.

Evelyn Floret, First Vice President &  
Sculpture Director

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## The 2019 Audubon Artists Exhibition

### Commentary From W. Carl Burger, Guest Speaker at Audubon's Reception



W. Carl Burger, guest speaker, with  
Evelyn Floret, 1st V.P seated and Pres. Nardone standing  
Photo by Denise Rolland

What an auspicious year this 2019, the 77th Annual of the Audubon Artists, beautifully mounted exhibition at New York's prestigious Salmagundi Club. Under President Nardone's guidance and work with the help of the executive staff and committee, this show was a veritable "buffet" of media representing the area's

finest talent. The pieces embody the best of representational, abstract and non-objective schools. There's the new and traditional, truly in the spirit of diversity in the arts, quite refreshing, considering the dominance of "so called" "conceptual" parading under the guise of "intellectual."

W. Carl Burger,  
Senior Honorary Member of Audubon Artists  
Professor of Art Emeritus  
Kean University, NJ

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### In Memorium

We regret the passing, within the past year, of our beloved Honorary Members **E. Raymond Kinstler**, **Fred Staloff** as well as Elected Members **Donna Arvelo**, **Donald G. Jones** and **Olivia Koopaletthes Alberts**.

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### A REMINDER...

Audubon Artists is run by volunteers. PLEASE do not send emails requesting information about the exhibit or catalog.

Additional information will be provided when available via e-blasts. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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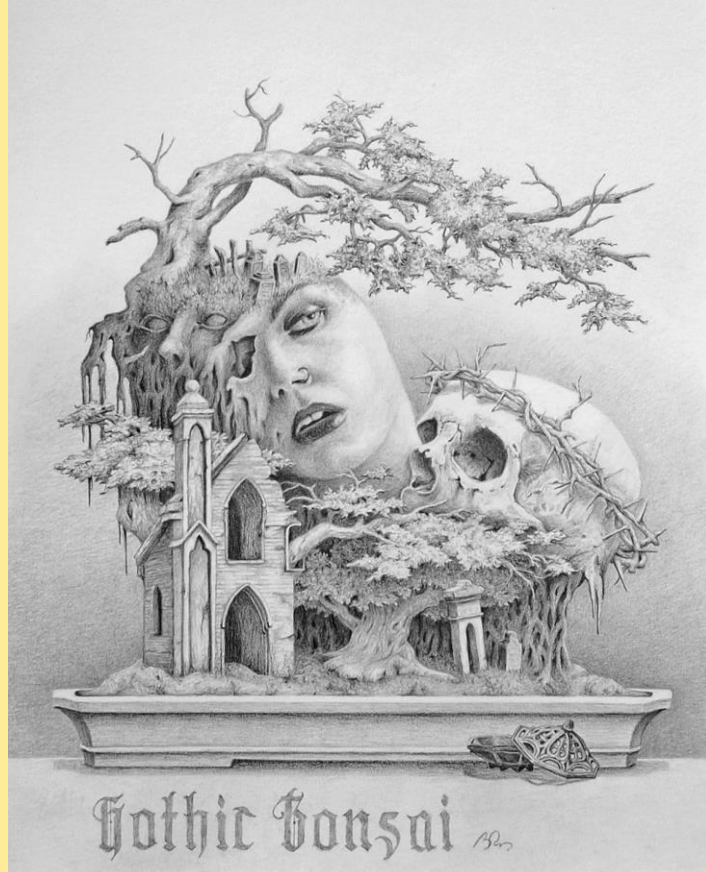
### Artist Spotlight: Bill Ross

Bill Ross incorporates classically inspired visuals with meticulous draftsmanship to create his provocative artwork. Despite taking art courses at Ocean County College for a year and a half and two years at The Art Students League in NYC, Bill considers himself self-taught. He works primarily in charcoal, graphite and ink on toned paper or clay board.



*Death's Icons*

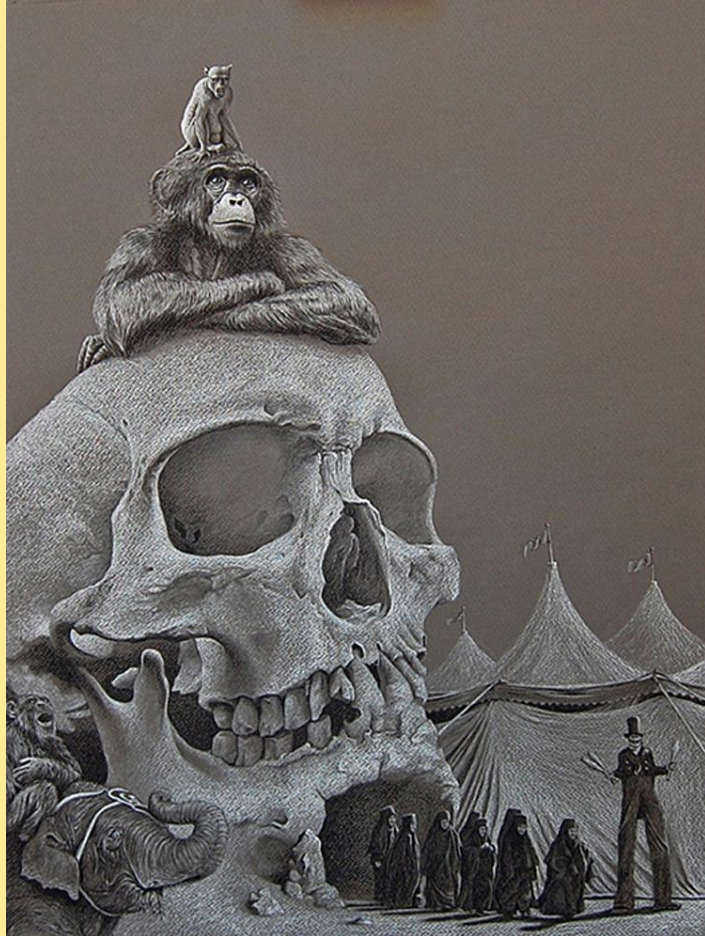
Bill is an Elected Member of the Audubon Artists Society of NYC having won three gold medals for the years 2013, 2015 and 2019. He was also awarded the Gamblin Artists Award in 2018.



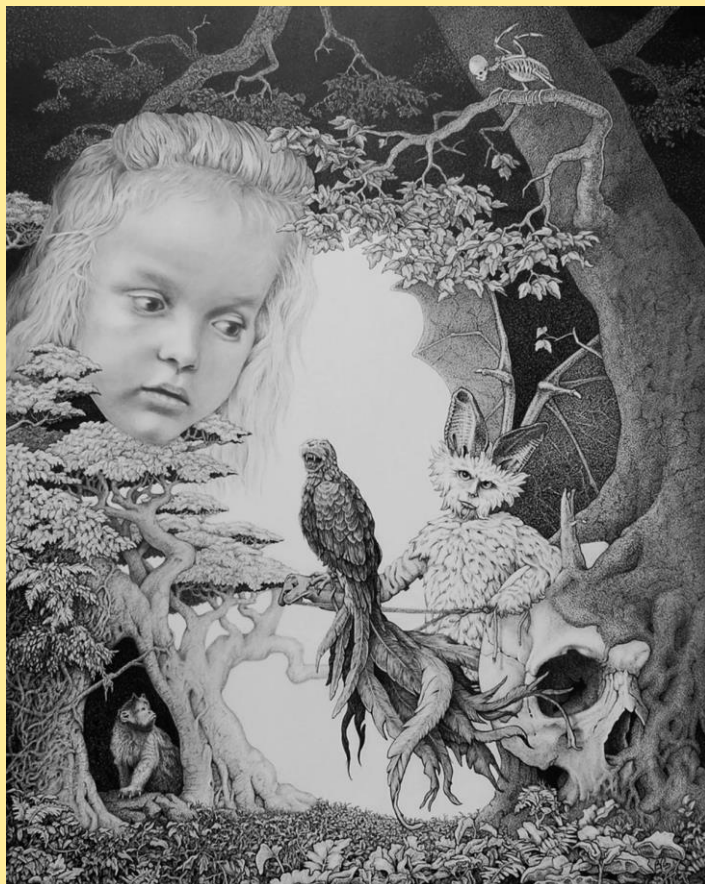
*Gothic Bonsai*

His artwork is handled by THE CONVENT PHILLY, a dark art gallery in Philadelphia....  
[theconventphilly.com](http://theconventphilly.com) ....and follow Bill on Instagram  
at [@billrossartist](https://www.instagram.com/billrossartist).





*If I Ran the Circus*



*Phantasy for Graphite and Ink*



Bill Ross with *The Narcissist* (charcoal and chalk on primed paper)

## Member News

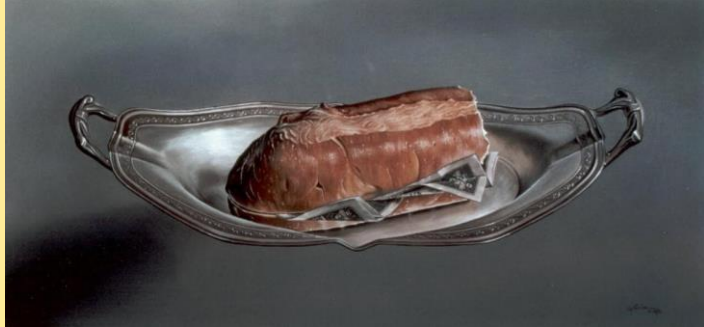
**Carol Z. Brody** NWS, was awarded the Apple Shed Award for her painting, *Party Papers, Ribbons and Confetti VI* in the Rockies West 29 National Exhibition of the Western Colorado Watercolor Society, in Grand Junction, CO in March.



*Party Papers, Ribbons and Confetti VI*

**Gary Erbe**, Honorary Member of Audubon Artists, is the subject of a documentary titled "Discovering Gary Erbe...an American Legacy"





*Today's Special*, 1970  
Oil on Panel

Collection, New Britain (CT) Museum of American Art

On November 7, 2019, the Salmagundi Club, NYC hosted a premier screening of the film, sponsored by the Program Committee headed by Bonnie Seiler.



Induction Ceremony

Mr. Erbe was inducted into the Nutley Hall of Fame in Nutley, NJ on November 17, 2019. Past inductees include Martha Stewart, Lloyd Goodrich, Reginald Marsh among others.



Left to right: John F. Demmer, Town Historian of Nutley; John Simko, Director, Nutley Historical Museum; Gary Erbe, Inductee; and Vincent Nardone, President, Audubon Artists

**Evelyn Floret** won the Gilbert and Marion Roller Sculpture Award for her bronze sculpture of *Paul* at the Allied Artists of America 106th Annual Exhibition 2019.



*Paul*

Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital bought **Randy Globus's** large scale watercolor during Art Basel week in Miami. A perfect home for this piece!