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Visual Arts

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A conversation with a group of visual artists representing the wealth of talent on Long Island.

PANELISTS



Candido Crespo
Artist & Educator
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Candido Crespo is a husband, father, artist, and educator. Crespo has been teaching visual Arts in Central Islip, NY for 15 years. His personal work includes watercolor and ink, acrylic on wood, and digital drawing and painting. In recent years, Crespo has combined his passion with family and now creates with his son.



Sueey Gutierrez
Artist
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Sueey Gutierrez is a New York based artist born and raised in Brooklyn. Her family, originally from El Salvador, is of Mayan descent. She began drawing at the age of 3 and by 6 had received a scholarship to study art at the Brooklyn Museum. Her passion for art is highly influenced by her cultural background, pin-up art and burlesque dance. Sueey earned her BA from the Fashion Institute of Technology. She was an Art Educator for the Barry & Florence Friedberg JCC, and taught art at Success Academy Charter School. She lives on Long Island and exhibits throughout the Greater New York area.



Elena Kariyannis AKA 'erocksny'
Artist
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Elena Kariyannis AKA 'erocksny' is an American Contemporary Visual Artist internationally known, having exhibited in New York City and Europe. Elena's art style is a fusion of Abstract-Expressionism and Pop Art. Her unique style of painting which is expressed powerfully through her art is mostly done with her fingers. Her inspiration is fueled by everyday life experiences, by living in the moment, constantly moving and evolving. Her vibrant use of color evokes an intense energy that naturally captures the viewer and instantly makes one feels a part of the magical creative experience.



Eve Hammer
Artist & Director of Development
LBNY Arts Council
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Eve Hammer was born in New York City and grew up in Long Beach, NY. She studied fine arts, printmaking and photography at California College of the Arts and later focused primarily on drawing and painting at School of Visual Arts in NYC.. In 2013 she moved back to her hometown where she worked on a community mural as part of a rebuilding effort after Hurricane Sandy. In 2014, the cookbook titled "Harold Dieterle's Kitchen Notebook" which included 108 of Eve's original illustrations was published. She put on her own solo shows in Long Beach in 2014 and 2018 at local establishments that she transformed into gallery spaces. In 2019, The LI Arts Organization, Artists in Partnership, Inc. honored Eve as one of their "Women in the Arts" and in 2020 she was selected as one of Heckscher Museum's 18 Emerging Artists. In Spring of 2021, Eve was invited to have a solo show at the grand opening of Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Real Estate in Long Beach, NY. During the summer of 2021, she was in a group show to display 14 of her original works based around her piece "kaleidoscope of my heart" at Bright Eye Brewery. She ended the summer with three pieces in a group show Oceana/Local Love at Artwhirl Gallery. She continues to live and work in Long Beach, NY.

MODERATOR



Johanna Mathiesen-Ellmer, M.S. Ed., SAS, SDA
Executive Director
Artists in Partnership, Inc.

Johanna is the former ED of Youth and Family Services/Magnolia Senior Center, and former liaison to LBNY Arts Council for the City of Long Beach. A founding member, and current ED of Artists in Partnership, Inc., she is also a board member of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce and Advisory Board of the Long Beach Art League.

As an educator for over 30 years, Johanna has always been passionate about the creative development of children and adolescents. Through multi-media events she continues to provide opportunities for young and old to find and use their "voices" in ways that make the world a culturally richer and kinder place.

Johanna is the producer of several music, arts and dance festivals, (Folk 2 Funk, Kickin' Country, Barrier Beach Blues and Beyond the Dunes), and has collaborated on projects including Arts in the Plaza, the International Film Festival and West End Beautification. She has been recognized for her professional and community involvement by a number of organizations and publications including: The *Long Beach Herald* **Woman of the Year** and "**Celebrating Local Heroes**" supplement; **Community Endeavor Awards** from the *Long Beach Chamber of Commerce*; **Citizen of the Year** by the *Kiwanis Club*; Long Island **Woman of Distinction**; *Long Beach High School Wall of Fame* inductee and recipient of the 2013 *Long Beach Latino Civic Association* **ART and Culture award**.

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