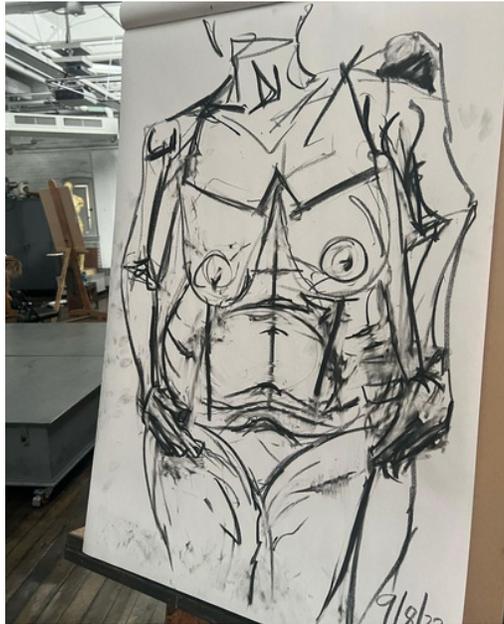


Solebury Fine Arts



Marshall Overhiser, Solebury '19



Amelia Kroth, Solebury '23



Molly Brusser, Solebury '13

We are so excited this month to share...

with the Solebury community what we are doing in the art department. Who are we? What are we teaching and why? And what are our students and our alumni up to in the art world. We invite you to enjoy the creativity our department encourages each month and stay tuned because we will be inviting you to the first ever FINE ART DEPARTMENT OPEN STUDIO!

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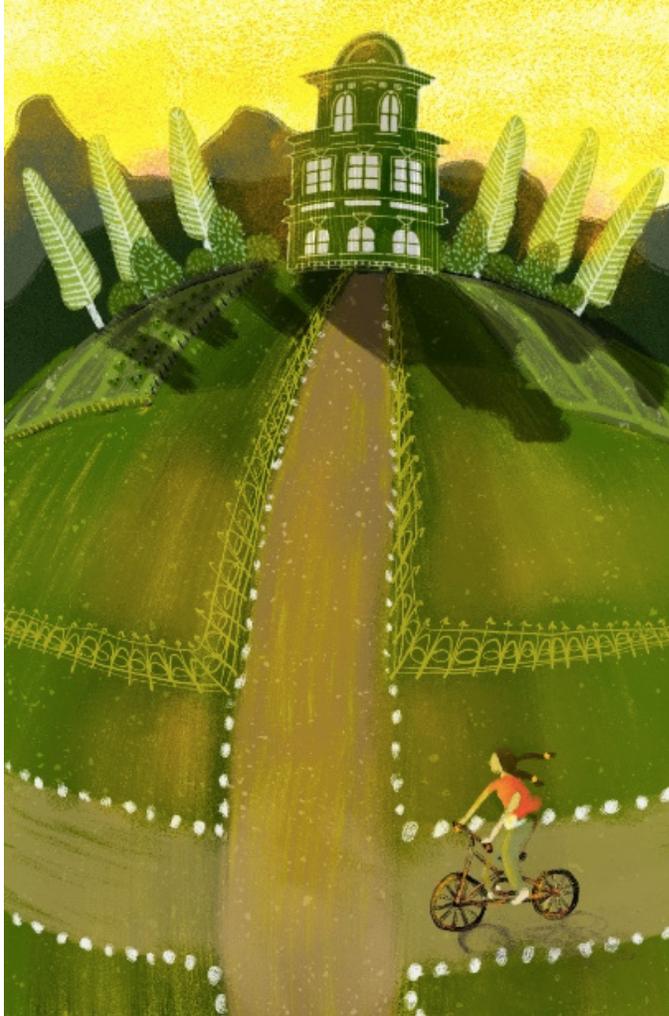
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What we do...

There are so many ways in which working in the arts benefits our students. Follow along each month as we share our thoughts on why we do what we do! This month we are featuring the work of four graduates of our program, one of whom is just starting to explore the world of an art career and the other three who have determined their path within the arts. As professional working artists, we are able to offer our students first hand knowledge about not only the practice of art but also the business of art. How do you create a career in the arts that can truly support not only your creative spirit but also provide a living for you. How do you craft a resume, an artist's statement, a biography, a website, and get your work in front of the eyes that need to see it. We teach our students how to do these things as they move into our advanced and AP classes.



Charlotte Martin, Solebury '16

Who we are... *Kelli Abdoney*



Kelli Abdoney teaches Photography in Film and Digital format from the Foundation to the Advanced level. She moved here from Scotland 12 years ago and has been living in Bucks County ever since. Prior to moving here, Kelli worked in Photo Journalism for the Herald Newspaper in Glasgow and graduated from Glasgow School of Art with a BA Honors in Visual Communication and Photography. When she is not teaching she loves to work on her own personal landscapes and exhibits her work in local galleries. Kelli also photographs weddings and does personal commissions.



Who we are... *Jen Brittingham*

Jen has an MS Textile Design from the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science. Jen teaches all of our Graphic Design classes along with an Engineering class.

Outside of school Jen designs and makes jewelry in her studio. She has recently become interested in stone cutting - seen here are some of the cabochons she has created along with some of her jewelry. She has been exploring lapidary in her work as well.

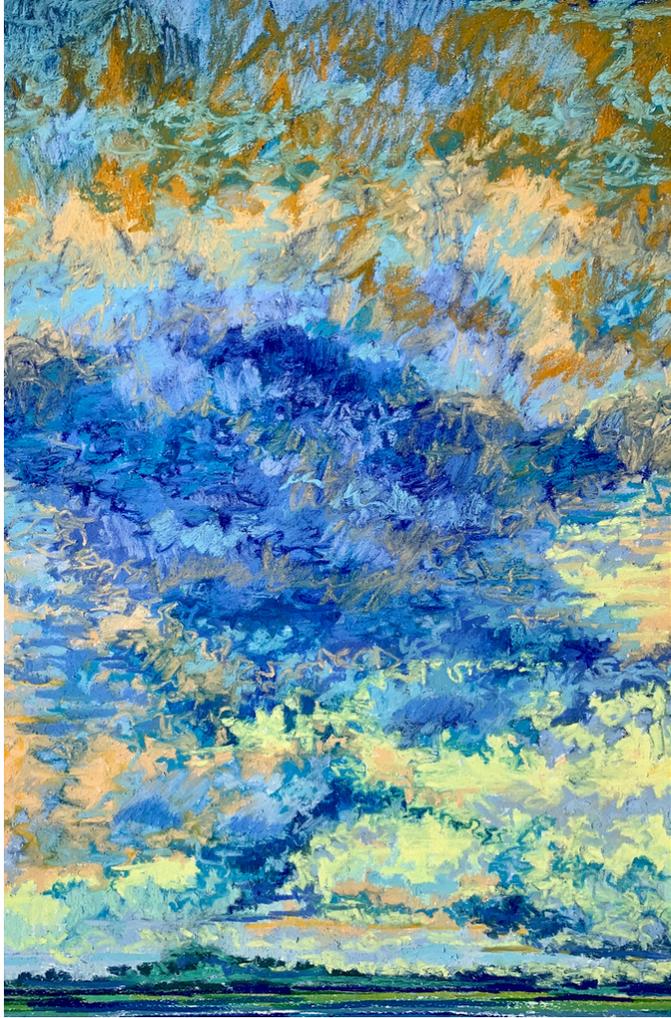
Additionally she works part time for a company doing production embroidery for semi-pro and pro ice hockey teams.

Who we are... *Erika Fairchild*



Erika graduated from Beloit college with a degree in Ceramic art. She arrived at Solebury School in 2005. Erika teaches all of our Ceramics classes as well as Printmaking, Bookmaking, and Art History.

Prior to her work here Erika was a professional tile and mosaic designer for 16 years, working on commissions primarily for local organizations and private clients, with several commissions for Carnegie Mellon University and one for an Arab emirate. She worked for the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, where she learned the art of making tile. She was the artist in residence at several New Jersey and Pennsylvania schools and has offered private classes in her studio. She continues to produce work from her home studio.



Who we are...

Kirby Fredendall

Kirby teaches all of our drawing and painting classes along with teaching AP Drawing and Design. She attended Duke University for her undergraduate Art History degree and Arcadia University for her Med in Art Education with an emphasis in Painting.

When she is not teaching she is a landscape artist working primarily in oils and pastels. Her work can be found in three gallery locations and she has one of her pieces in the permanent collection of the Michener Museum.

[The piece shown left will be on exhibit at the Phillips Mill 94th Annual Juried Show.](#)

Classes offered by our team this trimester...

Kelli Abdoney

Advanced Digital Photography

Introduction to Film: Photo 1

Photo 2 Film (Day)

Photo 2 Film (Evening)

Jennifer Brittingham

Engineering

Graphic Design

Erika Fairchild

Beginning Ceramics

Intermediate/Advanced/Honors Ceramics

Book Making

Art History: Renaissance

Kirby Fredendall

Foundations of Painting & Drawing

Intermediate Painting & Drawing

Advanced Painting & Drawing

Figure Drawing

AP Art Design & Drawing

What are our alumni up to these days?



Kate Voynow '16, Tali Natan, & Charlotte Martin '16 many years ago at the PMA

Just getting started: *Amelia Kroth* graduated from Solebury in 2023 from our AP Drawing program and is now studying at the Rhode Island School of Design. She was kind enough to share work from her figure drawing class. We are so excited to see where her work at RISD takes her.

Wrapping up his education: *Marshall Overhiser* graduated from Solebury in 2019 from our AP Design program. He has gone on to study Industrial Design at Iowa State University. He is currently a senior pursuing a degree in industrial design. He is immersed in the research phase of his senior thesis project, which focuses on crafting a product that enhances the outdoor experience for individuals with stability and balance challenges. In his spare time, he is dedicated to refining his portfolio with the goal of securing a job in design visualization or watch design. Check out his work: www.marshalloverhiser.com

Wrapping up her education, Charlotte Martin graduated from Solebury in 2016. She is an illustrator living and working in Portland, Maine and attending Maine College of Art & Design. She makes work inspired by visual and textural patterns that she witnesses mainly in local architecture, patterned fabrics, decorative tilings, and, of course, nature. She aims to receive and translate the world as she saw it when she was a child, by being deeply honest and forever curious with her mark making and illustrations. When she's not drawing, she's eating a cheeseburger. Check out her work: <https://charlottemartinillustration.wordpress.com/>

Working Artist: *Molly Brusser* graduated from Solebury School in 2013 having taken every drawing and painting class we had to offer. From Solebury she attended Rowan University and has worked in advertising and digital marketing. She is now offering commissioned portraits and architectural illustrations.

Check out her work: www.myminstudio.com

Highlights from last year ...*Photo*

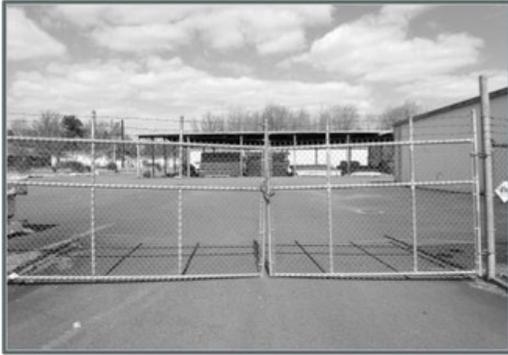
Advanced students submitted a project based on visual duality. They were asked to pair images visually, a conscious coupling of photography whether they related compositionally or aesthetically or even within a subject or color palate. The outcome was rather wonderful and we hope you enjoy the small glimpse of their huge potential.



Ulrica Wu



Griffin Demetsky



Emmitt Caruso



Maddie Colvert



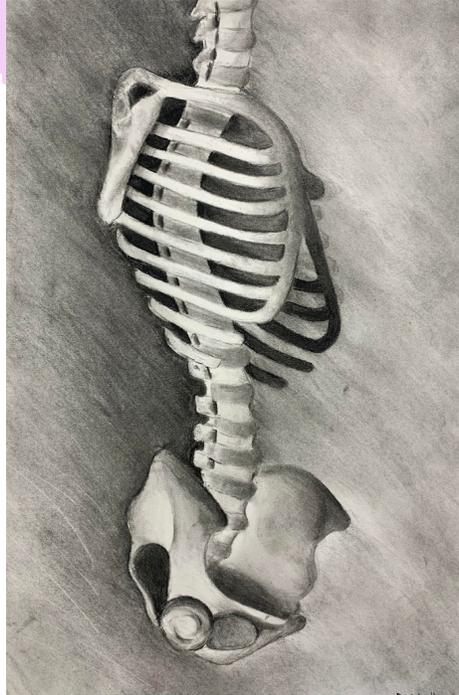
Martha Dixon

Who are our new AP students this year?

We have a fantastic group of Seniors this year taking AP Drawing & AP Design. Get excited to see their work throughout the year as they start to develop their individual bodies of work. Students get to decide what they want to create as a year long process of developing a body of work as an artist. They are working to understand how one piece leads to another within a big idea and how that idea can change over time. Each piece is accompanied by writing that describes how the piece fits within the overall idea and where it fits in the process of developing the idea.



Katie Wagner, Senior



Sophia Harrell, Senior

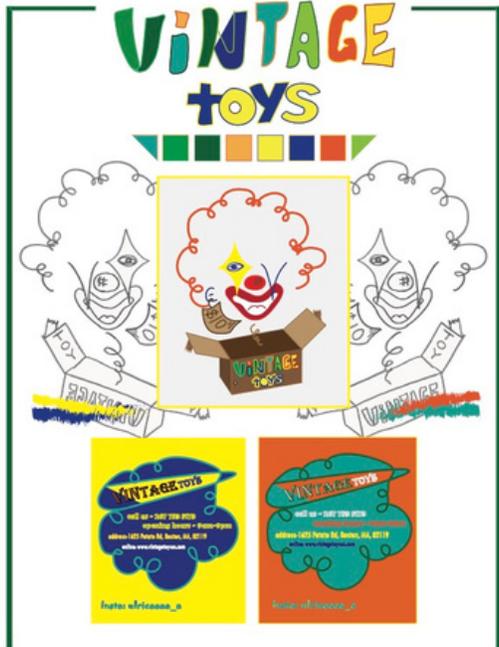


Ulrica Wu, Senior



Maggie Livezey, Senior

Highlights from last year ... Graphic Design

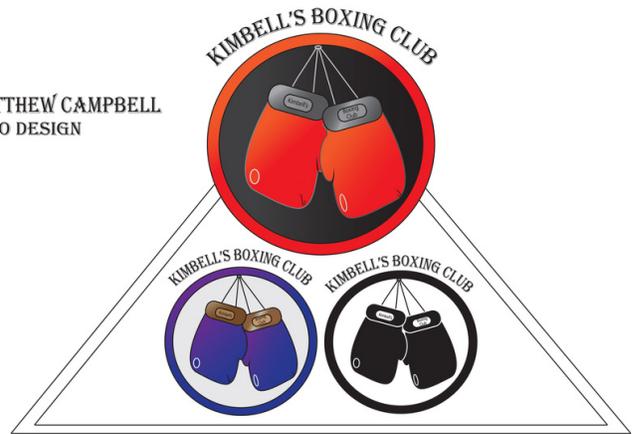


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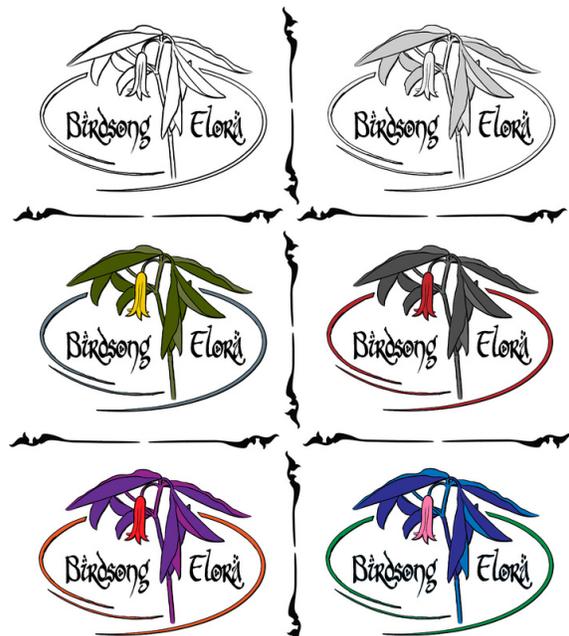
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MATTHEW CAMPBELL
LOGO DESIGN



Matthew Campbell

BIRDSONG FLORA



Jonathan Rakowsky