

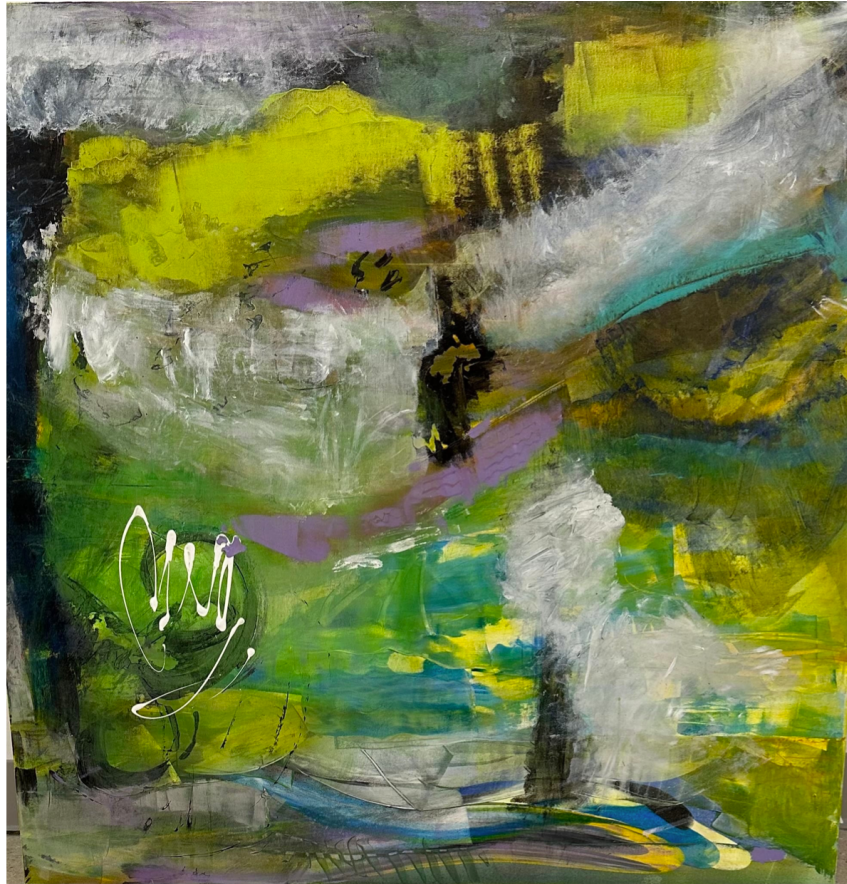
LIBERAL ARTS ROXBURY

Bonnie Levinson: Metanoia

July 27-August 6, 2023

Organized by Liberal Arts Roxbury at Roxbury Abbey

Kick-Off Party for the AMR Open Studios Tour, July 27, 5-7pm



met·a·noi·a

to change one's mind; to expand it in such a way as to have a new perspective on the world or one's self; to turn toward the light

LIBERAL ARTS ROXBURY is pleased to present a solo exhibition of work by Bonnie Levinson. *Metanoia*, featuring recent abstract paintings, opens Thursday July 27th at Roxbury Abbey, with a reception from 5-7pm, hosted by Brian Tolle Studio and Liberal Arts Roxbury as the official Kick-Off Party for the AMR Open Studios Tour weekend. The event is free and open to the general public.

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Bonnie Levinson's work operates at the intersection of physical sensation and individual subjectivity. Mixing painting, photography, and collage to achieve a distinct form of visual abstraction, the work filters impressions of specific natural environments through searching emotional states, registering a range of values from buoyant optimism to turbulent resolve. Her most recent work, created during the social and political turmoil of the pandemic which happened to coincide with the artist's move to Florida, further embraces such states of unknowing, engaging a more dissonant color palette and harsher gestures, also suggested in the works' titles: *Uncharted Territory*, *Into the Atmosphere*, *Where Are We Going?* Indeed, the title of the exhibition, *Metanoia*, describes the artist's conscious pursuit of otherworldliness and, ultimately, spiritual transformation through the act of artmaking.

Exhibited within the ecclesiastical space of Roxbury Abbey, Levinson's work engages a dialogue with more traditional and doctrinaire forms of mysticism, e.g., the iconography and rituals of the Catholic Church. Consecrated in 1925 as Our Lady of Good Counsel Mission Church, the abbey presents an exalted environment dominated by a set of towering stained-glass windows, whose colors and light effects reverberate extemporaneously with Levinson's paintings. Adding to the dialogue, a large translucent wall, suggesting the space's current function as an active artist's studio, serves as a backdrop to this collaborative exhibition and as a reminder of the value of alternative spaces for progressive, experimental thinking through the arts.



Bonnie Levinson is a multi-disciplinary artist working in mixed media, photography and painting. She holds a Masters of Arts in Teaching Museum Education from George Washington University and a BA from Kenyon College, OH. In addition to being an artist,

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her career spans more than three decades with key leadership roles in arts and cultural institutions. She served as Curator for the Visual Arts at the National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy at Federal Hall, in New York City; Deputy Director of External Affairs at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; and held a long tenure at the New York Public Library as Vice President for Development. She is a founding board member of the Oxbow School, in Napa, CA, and the Gund Gallery of Kenyon College, and has served on the boards of the San Francisco Art Institute, the *Kenyon Review*, and the Hudson River Museum in Westchester County, NY. She currently has a studio at the Arts Warehouse in Delray Beach, FL, and splits her time between Florida and New York. More information: bonnielevinson.com and [@bonnielevinsonarts](https://www.instagram.com/bonnielevinsonarts)



Roxbury Abbey was consecrated as Our Lady of Good Counsel Mission Church in 1925 and served parishioners until its closure by the Albany Diocese in 2011. Soon after, the abbey became the studio of artist and educator Brian Tolle, creator of the Irish Hunger Memorial in Battery Park City, New York.

AMR is a non-profit, grass-roots artist collective, connecting regional artists and institutions at all levels. The first Open Studios Tour was in 2012 and included three towns: Andes, Margaretville, and Roxbury. Ever expanding, this year's tour includes exhibitors in eight Delaware County towns.

Liberal Arts Roxbury was founded in 2018 to preserve Roxbury's distinctive cultural and architectural histories and to foster community through exceptional programming in the visual and performing arts.

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Hours and Events:

Kick-Off Party for the AMR Open Studios Weekend: July 27, 5-7pm

AMR Open Studio Hours: July 28-30, 11am-5pm

Hours: August 5-6, 12-4pm, and by appointment

More information and to make an appointment: info@liberalartsroxbury.com or bonnielevinson@gmail.com

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