

2016 CKC/GASC Instructor Biographies

**Please note this list includes the instructors for ALL 2016 events, to find out what classes they are teaching in a specific location check the class descriptions page or email events.info@creatingkeepsakes.com*

Nicole Harper

Creating Keepsakes Events

Nicole has been playing with paper since elementary school, when shopping for new supplies quickened her heart a beat. She spends her crafty time creating layouts and filling up pocket pages, but loves hunting for vintage finds whenever she can. She lives in Northeast Ohio with her husband, Mike, and their daughter, Allison ... and is a proud theater mama, medical professional and trusted friend. She wears her heart on her sleeve with her journaling and loves to share the everyday moments that mean the most.



Shelbi Bywater

Creating Keepsakes Events

Shelbi Bywater first made her mark on the design world while wearing a bubble gum pink construction hat while working as a model home director for 8 years. She quickly became the designer known for her eye for detail, flexibility, and as a designer who is not afraid to purchase a highly discounted resin cow head, change the color and hang it proudly on her wall. But her ongoing love affair with pattern paper, embellishments, and mixed media soon wooed her back into the world of scrapbooking where she's traveled the country for 6 years teaching people the joy of creating and preserving their stories. Shelbi has two kids and a husband that are the best part of her life and she enjoys sharing her love of all things crafty with them. Her life is really an adventure with color, pattern and surrounding herself with beautiful handmade things.



Micaela Zoeller

Creating Keepsakes

Micaela Zoeller loves to embellish her life! As a former day care director and preschool teacher, her favorite quest was encouraging creativity in her students. An avid scrapbooker in her personal life, she was blessed enough to turn her passion into profit as co-owner of a scrapbook store in her hometown. Eventually she joined the Creating Keepsakes Events team and has traveled across the nation, and internationally, teaching at events like Creating Keepsakes University (CKU), Creating Keepsakes Conventions, corporate meetings and television promos. She loves being involved in all aspects of scrapbooking - from the creation of an idea, design work, implementation of products and last but certainly not least teaching. To see someone embrace scrapbooking as a way to chronicle their life story is very exciting and she works hard to promote creativity and self-expression in her classes.



Megan Hoeppner **Creating Keepsakes Events**

Megan Hoeppner has enjoyed an amazing, decade-long career in the crafting world. Her adventure began the day Stampin' Up! hired her to work in their public relations department, where she quickly fell in love with stamps and paper arts. Megan's career progressed to include publishing with established titles such as Paper Crafts magazine, Simple Scrapbooks magazine and Creating Keepsakes magazine. In addition to the opportunity to author two best-selling special issues, Creative Spaces with Megan Hoeppner and Creative Spaces with Megan Hoeppner Vol. 2. Megan has regular television appearances on Studio 5, and enjoys running her own business selling handmade onesies and fabric jewelry. For more from Megan, she invites you to visit her blog, MeganHoeppner.blogspot.com, where she regularly shares DIY project ideas and glimpses into her home life. Stop by and say "hi." She'd love to hear from you!

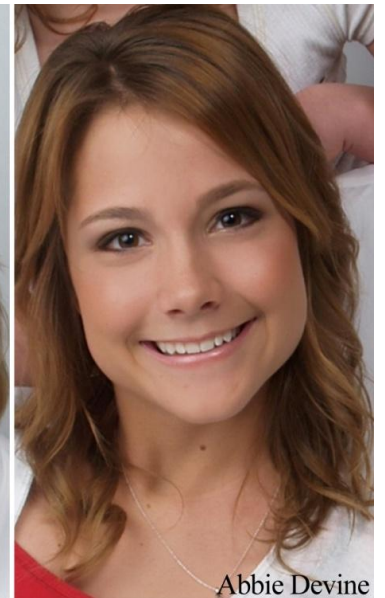


Lickety Split Scrapbooks

A Dynamite Duo! ***Wendy Linn and Abbie Devine*** are a mother and daughter teaching team. Wendy is the primary designer of Lickety Split Scrapbooks classes, page kits, and projects. She has been the primary teacher of our classes for the past 10 years. Abbie, keeps mom on track, designs page kits for the booth and website, and has joined Lickety Split Scrapbooks teaching team this year. However, she has been involved with the company since the beginning. Class participants have described this duo as fun and innovative with a calm and helpful approach to teaching.



Wendy Linn



Abbie Devine

Keller's Creations

Keller's Creations classes are being taught by owner **Kimberly Mock and Lori Springer**, owner of Jilly Girl & Co. Kimberly has been self-employed in the scrapbook industry for 16 years, first as a store-owner for 6 years then designing and manufacturing her Keller's Creations line for the past 10 years. Lori has worked with Keller's Creations for 8 years, and is thrilled to have launched her own company this year, Jilly Girl & Co. Lori has also been published in numerous magazines & served on several design teams before joining Keller's. Now, these two companies are joining forces both in the classroom and on the vendor floor to bring you twice the knowledge, twice the amazing products, and twice the fun!



Queen & Co.

Since 2005, Queen & Co. has been a industry leader in the development and manufacture of designer paper crafting products. Queen & Company is well known for innovative products such as; Colour Collection brads and embellishments, Felt Fusion self adhesive fabric borders. Twinkle Rhinestone products, Twine Twist, and our ultra popular Trendy Tape (washi tape) collection. With emphasis on technique and innovation; Queen & Co.'s award winning design team has developed an exciting array of all new classes based on our latest 2013 collection of products. You may visit us at: www.queenandcompany.com We look forward to seeing you at the next event!



Marsha Wood

The Paper Loft

Along with my two partner's mother and daughter Ila Pearce and Sandi Henderson we started The Paper Loft LC in 2000. We have seen a lot of changes in the paper crafting industry since then. I would not be the creative genius behind our company so I love teaching the great ideas that Sandi comes up with. I like it when I can show our students how to do something they have not tried before. We have fun in our classes with lots of energy and a great exchange of ideas. We are very proud to say all our products are made in the USA. Check out our website to see all our products and follow our blog to get wonderful ideas from our Design Team. www.paperloft.com



Stephanie Barnard
The Stamps of Life & Sizzix

If it's possible to live, breathe, eat and sleep scrapbooking and stamping, Stephanie Barnard is giving it her best shot. Besides serving as the Sizzix spokesperson, she also offers the company's research and development team invaluable insights into new products from the crafter's perspective. She is also a licensed designer and the inspiration behind her own line of creative products for Sizzix. Stephanie is the owner and designer of a clear stamp company, The Stamps of Life. Their stamps are proudly manufactured in the USA.



Nicole Petersen
Nicole Petersen Designs

Nicole Petersen has taught scrapbooking for the past twelve years at local scrapbook stores, small and large conventions, and in her home. Her love of all things vintage has always find a way onto her unique scrapbook layouts, altered art, and her home. Nicole's love of paper and teaching originally led her down the path of an elementary school teacher for eighteen years, but the world of arts and crafts drew her into a more creative place. Her unique style has been described as eclectic with a touch distress. She has owned and operated Nicole Petersen Designs for three years and lives in Cajun country of South Louisiana with her husband, teenage daughter, and two dogs.



Karen Bremer
Bee Creative

Karen Bremer is the owner of Bee Creative, a popular show booth and online store (www.shopbeecreative.com). Her classes are all about technique and loaded with great product education. The 2016 offerings include: All About Coloring with Markers & Pencils, Embossed & Inked Cards, 3 Ways to Watercolor Cards, and A Beginner's Guide to Calligraphy. When she's not at CKC, Karen is creating, cooking, or carpooling at home in Southern California with her husband and two teenage daughters.



Susan Frase

Clear Scraps

Hello, my name is Susan Frase and long with my husband Jim Frase we are the owners and manufacturers of Clear Scraps. We are proud to say made in the USA. I have been working with acrylic for over 10 years and before that I was a full time accountant. Jim was in the window industry for over 35 years. Together we work full time producing and teaching people how to work with this amazing medium. We both believe that we are ALL created to create. With a simple approach and style we hope to empower you to a whole new understanding and creativity to working with acrylic, the possibilities are endless! To find out more about us and our mission please visit www.clearscraps.com



Jennifer Low

Heartfelt Creations

I started scrapbooking when I was 14 years old . . . the wrong way, I might add! I used magnetic albums, regular tape...it was a hot mess! I was introduced to scrapbooking the right way about 16 years ago and there is no end in sight! I have been an instructor for Heartfelt Creations since March 2011 and simply love this company and what they stand for. One of my favorite quotes from Erma Bombeck is "When I stand before God, at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, I used everything You gave me!"



Tiffany Spaulding

Totally Tiffany

Tiffany Spaulding is a self-proclaimed "Organization Freak." She's been teaching Craft Supply Organization for almost 10 years. "I never thought my obsession could be channeled to help other people. Teaching, Designing Products, and Writing about organization have turned my passion into my livelihood – I'm so lucky." Tiffany's unique approach to organization incorporates all of the components needed to create a successful and simple way to Get and **STAY Organized**. You'll be able to break the cycle of organizing just to re-organize after taking her A-Z Organization Class. Tiffany lives in the Pacific Northwest with her 3 boys; London (16), Max (14) and Park (50 something).



Melissa Frances

Melissa Frances Designs

As the owner/president of a design and wholesale business since 1996, Melissa has done it all. She has taken thousands of products from initial concept, through to market. She has authored a book "Heart & Home's The Charming Paint and Decoupage Projects", been commissioned to design and produce private labeling for many large brands, her home has been featured in the "Canadian Home & Country" magazine and she has appeared on QVS and HSN. She currently has an online TV program that is in its third season called "Timeless Creations with Melissa Frances" which can be found on www.mycraftchannel.com. In addition, Melissa is a much beloved instructor and has taught workshops around North America and Internationally. As a stage 3 breast cancer survivor, Melissa supports breastcancer.org as her chosen charity.



Tiffany Freeman

The Treasure Box

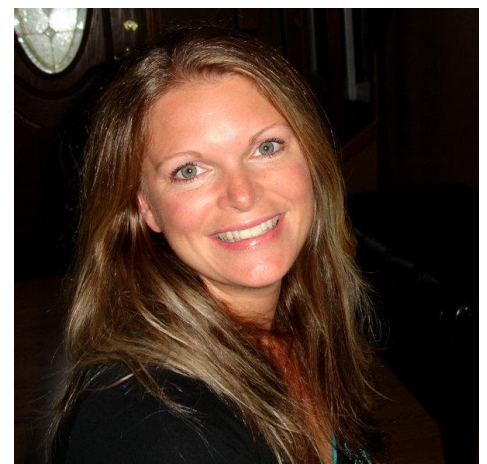
Tiffany is passionate about 3 things: stories, learning and travel. She enjoys moving about the country teaching scrapbook classes because it's a fantastic combination of all the things she loves. Tiffany cut her teeth crafting and now works for the family business (The Treasure Box) alongside her husband (Alex.) She loves being able to work from home (possibly in her pajamas?) when she isn't on the road teaching. Home for Tiffany is nestled into the side of an Appalachian mountain in Southwest Virginia where she forges plenty of long walks along the New River. She lives/works far outside of town on a "road less traveled" but the 3 children, dogs, chickens, bears and other wild things keep her on her toes. And, because she likes to keep life interesting, she also homeschools their kids and takes them on "roadschool" adventures across the country! She looks forward to seeing you in class, sharing some laughs, cute designs, learning, fun, creativity and making pages/cards worthy of your stories, memories and time.



Becky Teichmiller

Urban Swank

You can find Becky Teichmiller in Mukwonago, WI with her 4 kids and hubby. Her family is her #1 inspiration for scrapbooking! She is super mom by day and scrapper by night. Although, sometimes she scraps during the day, but, shhh, don't tell her hubby ;) When she is not scrapbooking or spending time with her family she is either teaching group fitness classes, at a Zumbathon or laughing with her friends. She loves sushi, the color pink, bling, glitter and anything that sparkles!



Kendra Krebs
Art Impressions

Kendra Krebs has always loved and appreciated all things art. Being the daughter of Art Impressions owners Phil and Bonnie Krebs, she has grown up with creativity being one of the strongest focal points in her life. Both in her free time and professionally, she enjoys all types of stamping, paper crafting, and painting. Kendra has worked with Art Impressions professionally for 10 years. She has done extensive travel with them bringing her passion for creativity and color to students via classes, store education, video tutorials, and live demonstrations throughout the United States. Kendra has taught thousands of crafters how to use the most popular Art Impressions watercolor techniques and it gives her so much joy to see the enthusiasm on their faces when they learn something fresh and new! Art Impressions pioneered the watercolor stamping technique and is well known for their hilarious stamps and interactive stamping/card making ideas. Kendra couldn't be more excited to represent such an amazing company and share all of her watercolor knowledge, tips, and tricks with you!



Katie Piotrowski
Button Farm

Button Farm instructor, Katie Piotrowski has been an avid paper crafter for over 15 years! Katie and her husband have four children, a beautiful grandchild and incredibly active fur baby. There is plenty to keep her busy! She has worked in the paper crafting industry for over 10 years. You may have seen her teaching at local venues, or working at conventions all over the US. She also designs for a couple popular manufacturers. If you don't find Katie in her scrapbooking studio, you will certainly find her in her kitchen, where she loves to cook for others.



Rita Barakat
Rita Barakat Designs

Rita Barakat is published and licensed artist that creates whimsical, fun and inspirational art. Her preference is mixed media, not wanting to be tied down to one medium or style. From wall murals to itty bitty minis, Rita has worked on numerous art projects for hospitals, corporations, families and manufacturers. She is a designer for Faber-Castell Design Memory Craft and works with many other notable manufacturers in the industry. Her classes are always fast and fun; you can expect to learn a lot, get lots of encouragement and have lots of fun! You can learn more about Rita at RitaBarakat.com



Bonnie Krebs

Art Impressions

Bonnie Krebs is originally from Salem, Oregon, where she and her husband Phil started Art Impressions Rubber Stamps in 1987. They have grown their family business over the years and are now a leading stamp supplier to thousands of stores with customers worldwide. Bonnie is a self-taught, whimsical artist who loves to create innovative stamp styles. She often develops new stamping techniques and interactive card making ideas, revolutionizing the stamp industry with each new release. She is the sole designer for Art Impressions and has drawn over 8,000 images - from cute characters and animals, to artistic watercolor stamping techniques. She continues to inspire through traveling and teaching at craft events and trade shows around the United States. Bonnie is a mother to three and a proud new grandmother to two. You can find the wide range of Bonnie's stamps at artimpressions.com or your local craft store.



Patty Debowski

The Digital Scrapbook Teacher

Patty Debowski, founder of TheDigitalScrapbookTeacher.com, is an expert Photoshop Elements instructor and one of the most sought after Photoshop Elements teachers in the industry. Patty has written several books about Photoshop Elements which are often called the Bibles of digital scrapbooking. Patty travels extensively, teaching students and retailers alike how to use Photoshop Elements to edit photos, use templates and brushes, build beautiful scrapbook pages and more, while having fun at the same time. Patty is not a techie and is a self-taught digital scrapbooker with a great sense of humor. Her humor and extensive knowledge of Photoshop Elements is why her students relate and respond so well to both her books and her classes.



Caroline Lau

Maya Road

Caroline Lau is one of the partners/owners of Maya Road. Caroline started Maya Road at the end of 2003 with her sister. After a long career as a Chemical Engineer, Caroline left her job to work on Maya Road full time over 11 year ago. Caroline's work has been published in magazines such as *Creating Keepsakes*, *Scrapbooks*, *Etc*, *Paper Crafts*, *Memory Makers* and *Somerset Studio*. She is thrilled to be able to travel around to share with everyone her love of Maya Road products! In addition to Maya Road, Caroline enjoys spending time with her family - David (husband) and two kids (Noah and Olivia). Caroline also enjoys soccer, sewing and running.



Robin Redd

Redd Robin Studios

Robin Redd, a native of Southern California, has been a crafter for as long she has been able to craft. She is the owner of Redd Robin Studios, a little, online, craft supply store on Etsy. About a year ago, she discovered the new world of planners. Once she saw on Instagram, planners being decorated, she knew this was another craft she had to try and has been in love since. This year, she is teaching a class on how to make your planners pretty with hand made elements. The class will be making Pocket Pages, embellished paper clips, a Page Marker and more.

Shelby Dredge

Embellish IT!

It all started in 1999 when Shelby Dredge quit work to start embellish IT! Over the years, embellish IT! Her work includes exhibiting at Scrapbook Conventions, hosting Play All Day events, programming & managing several online websites, tv spots, designing 3 monthly kit clubs, traveling & teaching across the nation. Shelby is still head over heels with the love of her life & business partner, Steve Dredge. Shelby & Steve have four very busy kids: Jake 15, Keegan 14, Brock 9 & Crew 7 and we can't forget their two fur babies that weigh in at over 140# each: Yeager and Dakota. Shelby is enthusiastic about life & makes everything fun!



My name is Roxanne Dondanville. I live in beautiful sunny Siesta Key, FL ~The beach is my haven. I'm a busy mom of two beautiful daughters, Tabatha and Blythe. We also live with the love of my life, Mike and his son, Ben. Because of my love of taking pictures and always having at least 2 cameras with me is why I started scrapbooking about 9 years ago. Two of my friends invited me to a crop at a local scrapbooking store and it I was hooked! I found myself absolutely loving my newfound talent for the craft. I was on the design team for my local scrapbook store. At that store is where I found my new passion for teaching. For the last 3 years I have been a member of Art Anthology's Dream Team of Designers. And now as the Lead Educator for Art Anthology I am looking forward to traveling and sharing my passion for creating pretty things and sharing how much I love my craft as well as introducing everyone to mixed media using our products. My favorite things to create are mini albums, scrapbooking layouts, canvasses, cards, journals, and anything else mixed media or crafty.



Carolyn Gilbert

Redd Robin Studios

Carolyn began her journey with the idea of giving back. As a cancer survivor she believes that being grateful for what we have and extending our gratefulness to others is an essential component to life. This idea compelled her to explore and create one-of-a-kind cards as a business. Her friends often refer to her as a "card artist", often even framing her cards. Over the last six years, she has perfected dozens of artistic methodologies and combined this with a strong desire to teach. Carolyn loves to meet new people and works with individuals to create messages that are compelling and unique. Now she's sharing that with you through Redd Robin Studios.



Lynne Forsythe

Lynne Forsythe is from a small town in Northern New Hampshire and has been creating since she was a child. Lynne discovered paper crafting about 10 years ago.....and has have never looked back! She loves trying new things, then sharing them with anyone who will listen. Lynne likes to remind people that it's good to step outside of one's creative box." She is known for her love of color, and will color anything she can get her hands on. If she was to classify her style, it would be Distress meets Shabby and ALWAYS has flowers!

So, when Cheryl Mezzetti, founder and creator of Perfect Paints, approached Lynne to "play" with her products and give her feedback, she was ALL IN! And it's been a match made in heaven, ever since.

Lynne will teach various techniques, using Perfect Perfects, breaking them down into, easy to follow, step by step instructions and will take the fear out of trying something new!

Lynne has been published in several magazines and currently designs for Canvas Corp Brands, UmWowStudio and Yvonne Blair Designs/Impression Obsession. Lynne has also created numerous video tutorials and has taught extensively across the United States.

