

PEPI STREIFF

One stinging cold February night back in 1975, Pepi and her husband, Irwin, looked at each other and knew they'd had their last New Jersey winter. Good luck brought them to Savannah and a lovely home on Burnside Island.

Pepi happily stepped back into teaching high school mathematics. In 2002, after a thirty year career, (her last eight at Savannah's own Windsor Forest High School) she gladly retired and began exploring other avenues to test her creativity.

Pepi has performed in more than a dozen plays on many different stages in Savannah's Community Theaters. She then stepped from Savannah's welcoming stage into the professional world of television and feature films. You can catch one of her films on Amazon Prime Video. If you but ask, she will proudly show you her Screen Actors Guild union card!

As a teen, Pepi started to make her own clothes. Later she sewed clothing for her daughters and

herself. Since she enjoyed working with her hands, making jewelry came easily to her when in 2008 a wise and wonderful friend presented her with a starter jewelry making kit and — very helpfully — an introductory lesson.

Making jewelry has become a joy (and almost an obsession!) as Pepi often finds herself designing in her head, and paying more attention to the jewelry worn by actresses in the movies and on TV than to the storyline

of the film. She makes at least one annual trip to NYC's jewelry district to buy pearls and stones to make her creations.

She is very grateful to be a member of The Landings Art Association where she is a frequent volunteer at LAA functions. Pepi has been the Artist of the Month a few times and is delighted to sell her jewelry from the glass case. She has won numerous awards for her designs including ones from the LAA's Spring Art Shows.

Pepi was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. She has a BS in Mathematics from NYU. You can see her in the feature film, BY THE GRACE OF BOB streaming on Amazon video and in the film KILLERMAN opening August 30 in theaters, hopefully one in Savannah.

To explore possessing an existing or custom piece, please contact Pepi at pepistreiff.com, www.Etsy.com cultured jewelry, or pepiandirwin@yahoo.com