



SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

Your community art center since 1994.

Newsletter

President's Message

Dear art loving friends,

Ahh! Spring is so refreshing and full of opportunity. April is a month of rebirth, regrowth, and renewal – we see it all around us as the earth reawakens and all its creatures return to activity after a long winter. It is also an opportunity to reawaken our creative spirit – try new pursuits, new projects and new ideas. Sure there is work we “need” to do – enough tasks to fill a lifetime, but there is a sense of joy and new aliveness when you allow yourself to explore your creativity in new and different ways. Maybe it is a new art form or class or maybe you just want to be around art and creative people and come hang out with us! Either way, our team of volunteers are working hard to provide opportunities for you to be creative. This month, our ongoing watercolor, glass and pottery classes continue, but there are also new classes for you to explore. Pastel pet portraits are back by popular demand. Learn how to make beautiful hand built clay vases (no experience needed) or a beautiful leather journal with a cute owl carved into it. Sign up for our free Thursday night drawing class. Or, just come hang out with us – join us at open studio on Fridays to just play and get inspired by others. Be open to new opportunities this month, allow the creative juices to flow – find balance, be happy!

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Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm

Mark Your Calendar For Arts Center Shows & Events

Interpreting Life & Landscapes

Expressions on Paper, Panels and Gourds
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Oswego County Student Art Show and Competition

Art Due: April 11 - 13

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Submit Artwork: May 16 - 18 |

Exhibition: May 23 - June 22

Screen Free Week

April 25 - 28

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May 14

Member Summer Show

Art Due: June 27 - 29

Exhibition: July 5 - August 17

Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition

Application Deadline: August 3

Exhibition: August 29 - October 19

Silent Auction

September 21

Member Fall - Winter Show

Art Due: October 24 - 26

Exhibition: Oct 31 - Jan 18, 2025

For detailed information check
our website:

salmonriverfineartscenter.com/shows

Current and Upcoming Shows & Events



Barbara Duquette-Fabian, Jerry Russell, Sharon Medina at the opening reception.

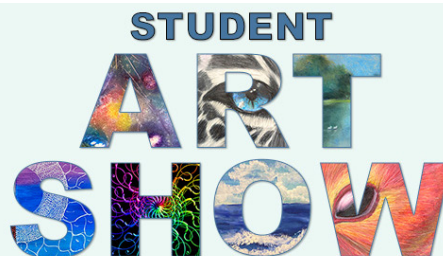
Interpreting Life & Landscapes: Expressions on Paper, Panels and Gourds

Barbara Duquette-Fabian, Jerry Russell, Sharon Medina

Exhibition until April 14

Be sure to see this amazing show by April 14 as it closes after that date. If you attended the opening night, you know how exciting the show is and how very well is it being received.

One visitor wrote the following review of her experience of opening night: "Attended a "Meet the Artist" night. I drove 3 hours one-way for the event and it was worth every moment. Beautiful and thought-provoking art, lovely and personable hosts & volunteers and the artists were delightful. A very pleasant atmosphere. Absolute gem." - Sasha Bundell



Oswego County Student Art Show and Competition

Exhibition: April 18 - May 11

Awards Ceremony: Sunday, April 21, 1 pm

The deadline to enter in the annual Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition is quickly approaching. Teachers and students, please be sure to drop off work by Saturday, April 13th!

This show is open to all students, grades 7 - 12, living in Oswego County, including public, private and homeschool students. Over \$1500 in cash prizes will be awarded for exemplary artwork in a variety of categories. See the prospectus and guidelines on our website for more details.

You can still be a sponsor! Contact us to help support this amazing show that promotes and rewards our talented youth.

Adult / Teen Classes & Art Activities

For detailed class information,
please see our website.

To sign up for classes,
please go to our Square site.

All adult / teen classes, except for our free classes, are discounted and made possible through “Enriching Lives through Art,” a grant generously funded by the John Ben Snow Foundation.

Financial assistance is available for those who would like to attend and are unable to pay the full fee. Please email the art center with your request.



Stained Glass-on-Glass Mosaic Tree Scape

Instructor: Diane Melnik

Sunday, April 7, 1:00 - 4:30 pm (3-½ hour class)

Sunday, April 14, 1:00 - 4:30 pm (3-½ hour class)

Saturday, April 20, 1:00 - 2:30 pm (1-½ hour class)

SORRY! CLASS IS SOLD OUT. In this workshop, Diane will teach the art and technique of creating a unique, original design using glass-on-glass. You will be able to create your own mosaic tree, using colors of your choice to illustrate a tree in any season, without using lead or soldering. The transparent effect of this artwork creates an exquisite collage of beautiful colors, and it can be displayed with or without light behind it.



Spring Handbuilt Vase Workshop

Instructor: Ann Buchau

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm and

Saturday, April 20, 10 am - Noon

In preparation for our “May Flowers Week”, we are offering this fun 2-day clay workshop on making hand-built spring vases. On the first day you will be shown inspirational examples and see various hand building techniques. You will learn to use the slab roller to create a unique vase and a little bud vase. The vases will then be bisque fired, and we will meet the following Saturday to explore various glazing techniques to finish your pieces. [Sign up on our Square site.](#)



Beginner Soft Pastel “Pet” Painting Class

Lee Shelton

Sat, April 13, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! In this beginner class, you will explore a variety of pastel brands, papers, tools, and techniques to create a painting of your pet or other animal. Bring a reference photo or use one supplied in class. You will complete a pastel painting by the end of class. All materials supplied. [Sign up on our Square site.](#)



Leather Tooling 101: “Stylized Owl”

5-Day Workshop

Instructor: Anna Blachman

Sunday, April 21, 6 - 8:30 pm

Monday, April 22, 6 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, April 23, 6 - 8:30 pm

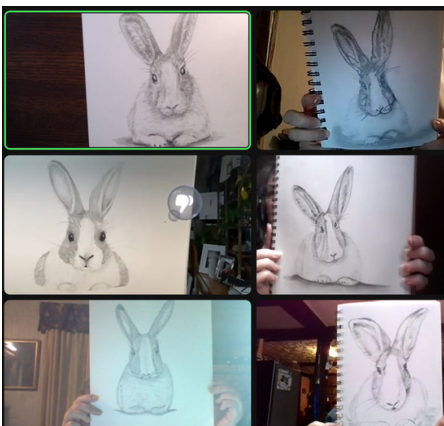
Wednesday, April 24, 6 - 8:30 pm

Thursday, April 25, 6 - 8:00 pm

This class is an introduction to leather tooling/carving and is perfect for anyone desiring to learn to use the “7 basic tools” used in leather tooling: swivel knife, pear shaders, bevelers, veiners, cams, stops, seeders, mulesfeet and backgrounders. This class will provide the foundational skills that you can take on to your next tooling projects, whether in a class setting or on your own. For those already familiar with leather tooling, this class will be a great opportunity to take your tooling skills to the next level. For your final project, you will turn your owls into either a traveler’s notebook or a wall hanging. [Sign up on our Square site.](#)



Please stay tuned for our exciting May Flower Week. We will have a full week of art classes lined up from May 4 through May 11 to celebrate spring and the May flowers it brings. Several local business have agreed to join in the fun. We will have classes on floral arrangement, drawing, painting, needle felting, alcohol ink tulips, and more. There will also be artistically created baked goods for sale. Check our website, Facebook and newsletter so you don’t miss out!



Free Drawing Class

Thursdays at 6 – 8 pm. Virtual Class on Zoom

Anyone can learn how to draw! Whether you are a novice or already love to draw, you are invited to join us each week for a free drawing class. Your instructor will guide you step by step. Send us your email, and we will add you to the list to receive a weekly email invitation with a link to join virtually via Zoom from the comfort of your home. All ages welcome! This class is offered free for our members as well as anyone in our local community on Thursday evenings and is generously sponsored by Drs. Pat and Jay Chapman, many of our members and participants, and the Pulaski Community Fund. – **Thank you!!!!**



Open Studio - Fridays 1 - 4 pm

Members (16+)

Open Studio - Fridays: Bring your own art project and supplies, join our volunteer artist in the back classroom, enjoy good lighting and great company, and make beautiful art. Bring your own materials. We supply the workspace, a reference library, company, and a relaxing positive atmosphere.

YAE (Young Artist Experience) Art Club Classes

Below is a listing of the dates and topics of our art club classes for the remainder of the school year. Because most classes fill up quickly, and we limit the class size to six or eight, please check our website and Square site for class information and to sign up. **These YAE classes are made possible thanks to funding from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.**

Financial assistance is available for those who would like to attend and are unable to pay the full fee. Please email the art center with your request.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Exploring Pointillism

Mondays | April 1, 9, 15 & 29 (No class April 22)

Ceramic Wall Pockets

Mondays | May 6, 13, 20 & June 3 (No class May 27)

MIDDLE -- HIGH SCHOOL

Exploring Mixed Media

Mondays | April 1, 9, 15 & 29 (No class April 22)

Textile Arts & Watercolor Techniques

Mondays | May 6, 13, 20 & June 3 (No class May 27)



Screen Free Week - FREE Activities at the Art Center

Screen free week is coming and there is something fishy going on at the Art Center!

Bring the family and have fun creating something fishy! Glue, paint, use paper bags, foam sheets, paper, chenille stems, shells, markers and your imagination to create your own mixed media picture. All materials and tools supplied. All activities FREE.

Thursday, April 25, 1 - 3 pm

Friday, April 26, 1 - 3 pm

Saturday, April 27, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm



Thank YOU!

A very special thank you to everyone who made our Special Show, *Interpreting Life & Landscapes*, a great success. It takes many volunteers to hang a show and to make an opening night sparkle. You are greatly appreciated!



Be A Volunteer

Volunteers, we need you!

We are planning our summer youth camps and need your help! We are looking for a coordinator or perhaps two or three who would like to share the responsibility. Wouldn't it be fun to work with someone on this? We already have some experienced resources and an education committee who are willing to help you. Come help us plan, coordinate and kick this program off with pride! Shared responsibilities include the following.

Summer Camp Coordinator

- Find and schedule instructors for our YAE summer camps. Summer camps start right after July 4th and run through the first two weeks of August. These are half-day camps. Time is 9 - 11:30 am Monday through Thursday, for elementary and 1 - 3:30 pm for high school students
- Work with the instructor to fine tune class offering and description, and review material list and supplies available at the art center with the instructor and determine what needs to be purchased
- Submit a list to the art center buyer to ensure materials are ordered in time
- Create or work with a designer to make a flyer and distribute to local Schools to inform parents
- Work with our volunteer coordinator to find a volunteer or assistant to help set up 1/2 hour prior to the start of class, monitor and or assist the class as needed and take photos, close and help clean the art center, hand out surveys at the end of the camp.

Farmers Market Coordinator

Responsibilities are similar to above, but times are Fridays 4 - 7 pm. The best way to coordinate this is to make a calendar and fill in slots for the designated instructor, week's project, and volunteers. The Farmers Market is a great family event, so you could get the whole family involved in this!

If you can help in any capacity, please contact the art center or call

Diane 845-541-5917(volunteer coordinator) or Ann 585-314-1973 (Pres./education chair)



Leave a Legacy

Your thoughtful choice now to leave a legacy and help keep art in this community will make a lasting impact. No matter your current income, you can be part of securing the future and stability of the Salmon River Fine Arts Center for the members of our community. There are many options available to you. Gifts can be structured to benefit the Arts Center during your lifetime, such as gifting stocks or bonds. You may also list the Salmon River Fine Arts Center as a beneficiary in your retirement plan, insurance policy or choose to include the Salmon River Fine Arts Center in your will as a bequest. This can be done by simply adding the following line:

Cash Legacy: To the Salmon River Fine Arts Center, located at 4848 N Jefferson St. Tax Status: 501c3, EIN #16-1405872, I bequeath a sum of \$_____ to be used for general operating purposes as an unrestricted charitable contribution.

As a non-profit organization, we depend on charitable gifts and donations to be able to offer free or discounted art programs to people of all ages and backgrounds. Many people think that a legacy must be a large sum of money, but a gift of any size can have an impact. Even a gift as little as 1% of your estate, can help us ensure our vision of creating a vibrant, caring and creative community for generations to come.



Connecting the whole
community and giving
voice through art to
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And finally we leave you with this...

"Painting is just another way of keeping a diary." — Pablo Picasso

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