



President's Message

Dear art loving friends,

May is such a busy month. The "to do" lists keep getting longer and the great outdoors begs us to step out into the sunshine. But if you are like me, the call to create is always tugging at my heartstrings, and when I allow myself the opportunity to make something with my hands, my heart feels lighter and happier. We hope that you will find time to enjoy some of the many classes and happenings at the art center this month. Kate Walsh, our awesome adult class coordinator, has been super busy planning "**May Flowers Week**." She has a wide variety of classes scheduled for you to explore beautiful blooms, using charcoal, acrylics, alcohol inks, felt and even the art of flower arranging! No experience necessary – it's a great opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and learn something new. And if you prefer eating art, Kate has arranged a delivery of fabulous floral cookies from a local bakery that are almost too beautiful to eat. We will be selling them in the gallery this week! Come in and purchase a cookie or two. Better yet, sign up for a class or come to open studio, hang out with us and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with your cookie. May also marks the beginning of our new fiscal year as an organization and as per our bylaws we hold an **annual meeting for members** who are current with their dues. If you are not a member or you have been too busy to respond to membership emails, you might want to take a minute to renew your membership. (Remember dues are what help pay the rent!) We plan to make the annual meeting a little more celebratory by holding it at Stefano's! After all, it's been 30 years since we first opened the doors to this organization. We hope you will join us!

Ann Buchau
President

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Gallery Hours
Thursday - Friday, noon - 6 pm
Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm

Mark Your Calendar For Arts Center Shows & Events

**Oswego County Student
Art Show and Competition**
Exhibition: April 18 - May 11
536 pieces of artwork!

Sunday Artists Show
Call for Entries!
Submit Artwork: May 16 - 18
Exhibition: May 23 - June 22

Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 14
6:00 pm
Stephano's in Pulaski
Pre-registration required;
see invitation

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: Aug 29 - Oct 19

Silent Auction
Saturday, September 21
Mark your calendar!

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

Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition Exhibition April 18 - May 11



*Addison McCullough of
Pulaski took Best of Show
with her painting "Coping."*

Don't miss the 28th annual Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition now on exhibit. This year's show consists of 536 pieces of artwork from talented students throughout the county. Judges Cynthia Clabough and Charlotte Arcadi had the challenging task of selecting award winning work. We are pleased to have awarded over \$2,400 in cash prizes this year!

Thanks to co-chairs Billie Jo Peterson and Ann Buchau and all the following volunteers who came out to hang, tape, clean, make tags and help with the many tasks required for this important show: Greta Burghdurf, Barbara Hartman, Kelly Jackson, Tom Lambert, Marjorie Ledden, Diane Melnik, Kris Merz, Erin Platten, Kim Ryder, Brooke Snyder, Kris Sperati, Cindy Lu Thompson, Judy Van Wie, John Walsh, Kate Walsh, Stacy Walton, Nancy Warner, Karen Wheeler.

Also, a special thanks to all our generous sponsors who help make this show possible.

Thank YOU to our sponsors!



**Upcoming Show:
Sunday Artists
Show & Competition
Call for entries!**

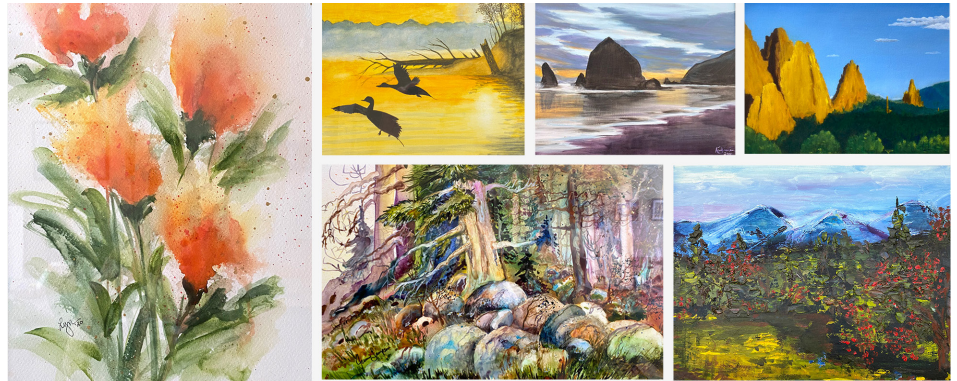
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or via Zoom

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registration link in invitation

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Call for Entries! Coming in May, our popular Sunday Artists Show, featuring original artwork of amateurs, emerging artists, and semi-professional artists. **This year there will be awards for all three levels of artists!** You do not need to be a member of the Fine Arts Center to enter. **Check our website for show details, prospectus and entry forms.**



Invites have been sent for our annual member meeting. If you did not receive an invite, it may be that your membership has lapsed or expired. All current members are invited to come to the annual member meeting in person or via zoom to help the arts center plan for an even more successful future and review how we did last year. Your input is always valued.

This year, we will be holding our meeting at Stefano's in Pulaski. Pre-registration is required; the registration link is available in your invitation. If you believe you should have received an invitation and did not, please check your membership status at <https://salmonriverfineartscenter.square.site/member-status>

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.](#)



May Flower Week Classes

We have a full week of art classes lined up from May 4 through May 11 to celebrate spring and May flowers. See all classes below.

There will also be artistically created cookies, cupcakes, breads and more for sale. Baked goods will be available during gallery hours, May 2-4 and May 9-11, Thursday-Friday, 12-6 pm and Saturday, 10 am -2 pm.



Art of Floral Design Class with Jodi Barck Saturday, May 4, 10:00 am -12:00 pm

In this class, local floral expert Jodi Barck will teach you how to integrate natural elements, native seasonal flowers and tulips to create a unique floral arrangement. You will pick out flowers, and Jodi will help you design your arrangement in a glass vase, which will be provided. (Those who took Ann's ceramic vase class can bring in their handmade vases).

[Sign up on Square Site.](#)



Floral Still Life Charcoal Drawing with Ann Buchau

Date: Saturday, May 4, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

We will be doing a charcoal drawing of an artful floral arrangement, yours or a sample from the class on the art of flower arranging (above). You will learn tips on how to draw from real life and how to use various techniques and tools to create charcoal drawings. All tools and materials are provided. [Sign up on Square Site.](#)



2D Needle Felted Wool Painting: Tulips with Dawn SeEVERS Wednesday, May 8, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Dawn will guide you as you transform wool into a unique 2D tulip scene. You will be taught the process of using a barbed needle to combine colored wool fibers into shapes on a cotton fabric, which will be held and displayed on an embroidery hoop frame. [Sign up on Square Site.](#)



Wool Embroidery Class: Feathered Friends with Beverly Filkins

Thursday, May 9, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

In this beginner class you will learn the basics of embroidery stitching and applique techniques to create an artistically designed 12" x 7" table mat or wall hanging. Your instructor will provide you with various wool colors, designs and patterns to choose from to create a beautiful spring scene. [Sign up on Square Site.](#)



Still Life Acrylic Floral Painting with Brooke Synder

Friday, May 10, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

In this class you will paint May tulips using acrylics on canvas. For a model you can use your own arrangement or one that will be provided. You will learn the basics of color mixing to achieve color accuracy, and you will be guided step by step on how to use acrylics to get a beautiful painting of May tulips. [Sign up on Square Site.](#)



Cranky Cats in May Flowers - Sip, Eat and Paint - with Cindy Schmidt

Friday, May 10, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Adults 14 y/o and up & Child 7 y/o and up

You will use acrylic paint on canvas and be instructed by one of our "famous" local artists, Cindy Schmidt, on how to paint a cat with attitude. AND you can bring along a child 7 y/o or older for 1/2 price. They too will be painting their own version of a cranky cat. It will be an evening of fun, canvas, paints, flower-inspired baked goods and drinks.

[Sign up on Square Site.](#)



Alcohol Ink Tulip Painting on Tile with Robin Eaton-Novak

Saturday, May 11, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

In this beginner class, you will learn to work with alcohol inks to create a vibrant tulip painting on ceramic tile. You will explore pouring, blending, carving and dotting to create a colorful painting of a tulip arrangement on a 4"x12" tile, or a series of three, 3"x6" tiles. You will see several sample pieces to inspire you to create your own unique tile(s) by the end of the class. [Sign up on Square Site.](#)

Note: Alcohol fumes might irritate sensitive lungs and isopropyl alcohol can irritate skin. Masks and gloves will be available for those requesting. Please wear appropriate clothes for painting, and if you have an apron, you can bring that.

June Classes

Beginner Watercolor Class: “Sunflower Delight” with Robert Jones Saturday, June 8, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Come join this beginner watercolor class, which will focus on creating a unique sunflower on 9”x12” Arches watercolor paper. Through demonstrations and individual, hands-on help, you will learn some basic watercolor techniques and how to select a harmonious color scheme. Several examples will be available. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. [Sign up on Square Site.](#)



Beginner Watercolor Card-Making Class with Lyn Bernatovich Saturday, June 22, 10 am - 12:30 pm

In this beginner watercolor and card making class you will create greeting cards that you can keep or pass along to someone special. You will learn basic watercolor techniques as well as basic stamping techniques to stamp sentiments on your cards. You will be working with washi tape, sequins, gold gel pens, Stickles Glitter Glue, ribbon, and twine, all widely used in stamping. You will complete 8 cards by the end of the class.

[Sign up on Square Site.](#)



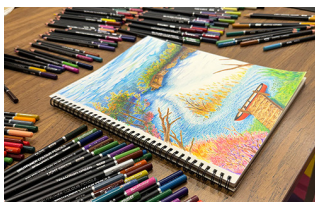
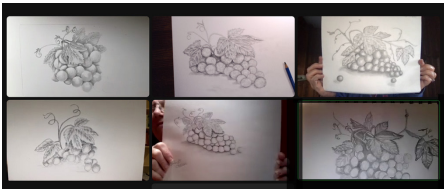
Free Classes & Art Opportunities

Free Drawing Class

Thursdays at 6 – 8 pm. Virtual Class on Zoom.

Anyone can learn 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. All ages welcome! This class is free for our members and anyone in our local community on Thursday evenings. It 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+)

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.



Free Chair Yoga | Sunday, May 5 | 11:30 – 12:30 | No sign up; just come

Stretch the body and mind with FREE chair yoga in the gallery, where you can be inspired by the art that surrounds you. Join us as Ann Buchau, a certified yoga instructor, guides you through a gentle yoga flow with the assistance and support of a chair, making yoga accessible to all bodies and levels. If you can breathe you can do yoga! Wear comfortable clothing.

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 for class information](#) and [our Square site 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

Clay Pockets & Trinket Dishes

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

MIDDLE -- HIGH SCHOOL

Textile Arts & Neurographic Drawing and Painting

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



Thank YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Screen-Free Week, providing free art activities to students during their spring vacation. Special thanks to our coordinator, Joan Mullen, who made this event special for the students who participated.

Be A Volunteer

It takes a whole community to run a community organization. We need your help! So many opportunities:

- Help in the gallery
- Help hang a show
- Assist with children's classes
- Assist with adult classes
- Assist with projects at the Farmer's market
- Help us clean and organize!

Everyone is busy, but if you sign up for even one night or one day you will have fun and know you are supporting this wonderful community organization.



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
cultivate a more vibrant,
caring and creative
community.

And finally we leave you with this...

"The world of reality has its limits; the world of imagination is boundless."

— Jean-Jacques Rousseau

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