



SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

*Your community art center since 1994.*

# Newsletter

Happy New Year, friends,

We are starting off the year with a grateful heart. Although regrettably our memberships are down from last year, we are very grateful for all those who contributed in response to our recent request for donations in this newsletter. If you see someone you know on the list, be sure to thank them for their support to keep this art center in the community!

Whether or not you participated in our recent membership and fundraiser, it is our sincere hope that you make art a part of your new year's resolution. Making art is not just for the self-proclaimed artist, making art (and viewing art) is good for the soul, and it has been proven that it can release those feel-good hormones that make you feel happy. Who doesn't want to be happy?

Our current 6 x 6 show is an opportunity for you to try your hand at art and another opportunity for you to support art in the community. The show is a fundraiser and we are asking the whole community — artists and non artists alike — to create and donate a little piece of art, 6 x 6-inches to be precise. We will display all the work anonymously on the walls, which may be purchased for only \$15 each. All money goes to support the art center. We hope you, your family and friends will all participate in this fun event. If you can't bring your art in, feel free to mail it to us. See details below.

Wishing you all a happy and creative New Year!

Ann Buchau  
President

## January 2024

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

## Exhibitions & Events



### Current Exhibition

**Members Fall Winter  
Show**  
until January 20

**Come to our gallery to see a wide variety of great local art!**

This month we are featuring our Members Fall - Winter Show, a collection of fine artwork created by our talented Fine Arts Center members. The exhibition will be shown until January 20, 2024, in the Fine Arts Center and can be seen during gallery hours and by appointment.



### Future Exhibition

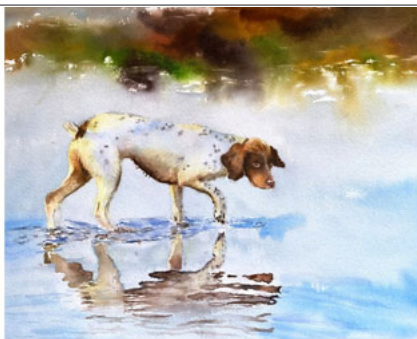
**6x6 Community  
Art Show**

**Submit Artwork**  
January 25 - 27

**Exhibition**  
February 1 - 24

We are holding our fifth annual 6 x 6 Community Art Show, a fundraiser for our community arts center, and we are inviting YOU to participate. Each entry is 6 x 6-inches in size. All art submitted is donated to the center and will be for sale for \$15 each. All sales benefit the Salmon River Fine Arts Center. You don't have to be a member or an artist to participate, all art is hung anonymously, and there is no entry fee. We are offering classes during January focusing on 6 x 6 artwork.

If you would like to submit artwork by mail, you can do so by mailing your creation(s) to The Salmon River Fine Arts Center, 4848 N. Jefferson St, Pulaski, NY 13142.



Sharon Medina, *Bird Dog*, Watercolor



Barbara Duquette-Fabian,  
Pyrography Flowers, Gourd



Jerry Russell, *Runoff*, Oil

### Future Exhibition

**Exhibition:** March 7 - April 14  
**Reception:** March 8, 5 - 7 pm

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

Sharon Medina, Jerry Russell, Barbara-Duquette Fabian.

# Upcoming Classes

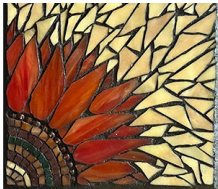
## Adult / Teen Classes

*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. [For detailed class information, please see our website,](#) and [to sign up for classes, please go to our Square site.](#)



**Beginner Pottery Class with Joanne Henry**  
**Saturday mornings: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb 3**  
**9:30 am - 12 pm**

Learn how to throw basic forms using the potter's wheel. All tools and materials are provided to create at least three small vessels.



## January 6 x 6 Classes

We are offering a variety of classes in January, featuring making art in 6" x 6" formats, which you can keep or donate to the 6 x 6 Community Art Show.

**Glass-on-Tile with Diane Melnik.** Sunday, Jan 7, 12 - 3 pm AND Sunday, Jan 14, 2 - 3 pm. Design a work of art on a ceramic tile. SORRY! SOLD OUT!

**Hand Painted Papers with Beth Sotherden.** Saturday, Jan 13, 10 am - 1 pm. Create your own beautifully designed papers. [Sign up on our Square Site.](#)

**Beginner Watercolor Class with Bob Jones: Landscapes, Birds and Trees.** Sunday, Jan 14, 10 am - 1 pm. Create individual paintings on 6x6-inch watercolor paper. [Sign up on our Square Site.](#)

**Small World Mixed Media Paintings with Beth Sotherden.** Saturday, Jan 20, 10 am - 1 pm. Discover a unique process to create several 6x6-inch pieces at once. [Sign up on our Square Site.](#)

**6x6 Photo Mounting Workshop with Ann Buchau.** Saturday, Jan 20, 2 - 4 pm. Learn how to crop and professionally mount your own photo. [Sign up on our Square Site.](#)

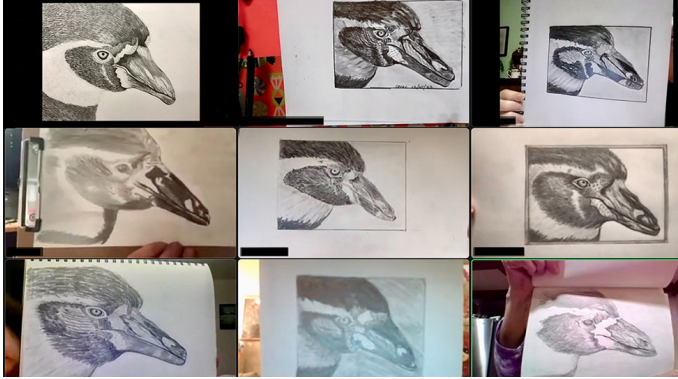
**Free Drawing Classes with Ann Buchau.** Every Thursday 6 - 8 pm. Learn to draw from the comfort of your home.



## Free Drawing Class with Ann Buchau

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

Learn to draw from the comfort of your home. To join, email us, and we will send you a link to join virtually via Zoom. All ages welcome!



This class is offered free for our members as well as anyone in our local community and is generously sponsored by Drs. Pat and Jay Chapman, many members and participants, and the Pulaski Community Fund. Thank you!



## Free Chair Yoga

Sunday, January 7 | Time: 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

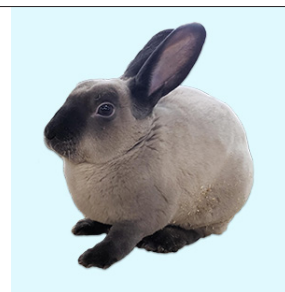
Monday afternoons Jan 22 & 29; Feb 5 & 12 | Materials supplied | Class limit 6 | Pay what you can

Our very popular YAE Art Club for elementary and junior/senior high school students begins its 2024 season. Most classes fill up quickly, so please [check our website](#) and [Square site](#) for class information and to sign up. Financial assistance is available for those unable to pay the full fee. *These YAE classes are made possible thanks to funding from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.*



### Elementary School January - February Session

Calling all knights and warrior princesses! In this 4-week session, have fun learning about the beauty and art in creating your own medieval shield and sword. You will work with local wood artisans to create your very own unique blunt edged sword and shield that can be used for costume play. [Sign up on our Square site.](#)



### Middle /High School January - February

In this class we will learn the techniques of using acrylic paint to paint adorable farm animals. We will also learn color mixing and achieving color accuracy. We will make 3 paintings on 6x6-inch canvases for our gallery's 6x6 Show. \*Donation of your paintings is not required.\* [Sign up on our Square Site.](#)

## Accepting Exhibit Proposals

We are now accepting proposals for special exhibits for next March, 2025. This can be a featured member show or a guest curated show bringing in a unique display of art. Please email your ideas or thoughts to [sr.fine.arts.ctr@gmail.com](mailto:sr.fine.arts.ctr@gmail.com).

## Thank YOU!

Thank you to **Kate Walsh** for stepping up to be the adult class coordinator for the art center. She is doing an amazing job setting up and organizing fun classes! **And thank you to Joan Mullen** for coordinating our YAE classes! Interested in helping? Let us know!

Thank you to **Kris Sperati** for outstanding help with the leather crafts at "Christmas in Richland" event on December 16 at the Half-Shire Historical Society.

Thank you to all our members and a special thanks to those listed below who responded to our November plea for donations: Rick & Margaret Kolenda, Harriet Wilcox, Joyce Russell, Christine Hoyt, Dick Bushnell, Kathleen Allardice, Victoria Ladd-deGraff, Robin Eaton-Novak, Doug Cobb, Lisa Yesensky, Nancy Smith, Sandra Davis, Nancy Farrell, Alice Trumble, Karla Richards, Joan Mullen, Brian Mellin & Elaine Smith, Sharon Anderson, Sandy Towles, Louise Woodard, Ruth Sargent, Eileen Ditch, Debra Smith, Kim Rude, Margaret Harper, Becky Griswold, Carole Bildstein, Robert Poormon, Kim Ryder, Patricia Parkhurst, Violet Wells, Jackie Gregg, Karla Richards, Milton Franson, Tamala Smith, Mary Price, Heather DeVito, Jill Eccleston, Sara (Dee Dee) Barclay.

## Be a Volunteer

We would love to welcome you to our team of awesome volunteers. We are still very much in need of gallery hosts. We are open 16 hours a week and are hoping you would volunteer for one shift (about 3 hours) a month, a week, or anything in between. You would work alongside an experienced host greeting visitors and helping keep the gallery a welcoming, beautiful and interesting venue.

*"It's so relaxing to be surrounded by beautiful art--an enjoyable escape for a few hours!"* -- quote from a gallery volunteer.

We also have many volunteer opportunities available, even if you have a small amount of time. Please email ([sr.fine.arts.ctr@gmail.com](mailto:sr.fine.arts.ctr@gmail.com)), call (315-298-7007) or stop by during gallery hours to see us. Also, [check our website](#) on joining our team. We would so very much appreciate your help.



## 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.



And finally we leave you with this...  
*"Creativity takes courage." — Henri Matisse*

*Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center*

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