



SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

Your community art center since 1994.

# Newsletter

Dear friends,

There is a good energy buzzing around the art center these days. So much activity – it's like spring is in the air! It's exciting to have new faces and new volunteers joining in the fun too; be sure to check out our volunteer section and meet some of them. It's great to have the help as we spruce up the gallery to prepare for our next special exhibit featuring three amazing artists. I love having these special exhibits because they really allow us to get to know different artists a little more intimately through their art. This show, *Interpreting Life and Landscape*, does just that. Three totally different artists come together to share their very different but very beautiful work. Exhibits like these help amplify and nurture that creative energy within us all. And it is our duty, as your local art center, to make sure there are plenty of opportunities for you to create. There is something for everyone, whether you are a novice learning something new or looking to dive deeper with a workshop to develop your skills and technique. To help encourage you to play, we are also starting a new member driven open studio on Fridays. Diane, our volunteer coordinator, is even arranging a different member to come in each week to work in the studio, so you won't be alone! Creating art is so important, so therapeutic - we just have to get past the stories in our head that we are not good enough. I truly believe that inside us all is a reservoir of talent and creativity, but if we ignore it, it becomes "depleted, stagnant, or blocked." As author Julia Cameron states "we must learn to be self-nourishing. We must become alert enough to consciously replenish our creative resources as we draw on them — to restock the trout pond, so to speak." So don't ignore that little spark of creativity within you, come in, take a class, come to open studio and allow art to nourish your soul!

Wishing you a creative and happy day!

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## March 2024

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

## Exhibitions & Events

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

**Sharon Medina, Jerry Russell, Barbara Duquette-Fabian**

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Sharon Medina, *Bird Dog*, Watercolor



Barbara Duquette-Fabian,  
*Pyrography Flowers, Gourd*



Jerry Russell, *Runoff*, Oil

#### Exhibition

March 7, 2024 - April 14, 2024

#### Opening Reception

March 8, 5 - 7 pm

Join us for the opening reception and meet these talented artists in person. Explore art, engage in conversation, and learn about the creative process and how they interpret life and landscape through their art. Light refreshments will be available. Friday, March 8, 5 - 7 pm.

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### Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition

Exhibition: April 18 - May 11

Awards Ceremony: Sunday, April 21, 1 pm

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The Salmon River Fine Arts Center is pleased to host the annual Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition this spring. This show celebrates the talent of our youth and allows the whole community to view their inspiring work.

This show is open to all students, grades 7 - 12, living in Oswego County, including public, private and homeschool students. All artwork must be received by Saturday, April 13, gallery hours. Cash prizes will

be awarded for exemplary artwork in a variety of categories. [See the prospectus and guidelines on our website for more details.](#)

**Be a sponsor!** We are looking for sponsors to help provide funding, which allows us to recognize and encourage students throughout the county for their artistic efforts. We are offering over \$1500 in prizes in six different categories for the two age groups.




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## It's time to pick up your 6 x 6 Treasures!

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**Thank you for making this our best ever 6 x 6 show!** We had over 207 entries from about 120 different art-loving community folks like yourselves. All your purchases proved that the work was amazing and that you care enough to keep our art center in our community. Now it's time for all the work to be picked up – the treasures you bought and the ones you made that didn't sell.

**DATES AND TIMES FOR PICK UP**  
**Thursday, February 29, noon - 6 pm**  
**Friday, March 1, noon - 6 pm**  
**Saturday, March 2, 10 am - 2 pm**

**Frame it up!** You might want to frame your 6 x 6 art in the beautiful solid wood handcrafted frames by member woodworker Tom Lambert. There are two styles in your choice of oak, cherry and walnut, each finished with a special tung oil to protect and enhance the natural beauty of the wood. With his engineering background and attention to detail, Tom made these

as a true labor of love for only \$15, and \$20 for a floating frame. He probably should charge 3 times as much for the amount of time he spends on making them! However, he considers it his contribution to help provide good quality locally made frames at a low price to avoid folks buying the cheap stuff that won't last and will eventually end up in a landfill. If you need a custom frame Tom, is also happy to take orders for custom frames too.

### Framing Tip:

Keep in mind certain mediums such as pastel, watercolor, photography and graphite should be matted and protected with glass. However, glass should never press directly against your artwork, so you will need a mat and a bigger frame, such as a 10 x 10 inch. For your convenience, we have 6 x 6 mats available at cost too. If you are unsure how best to mat or frame your new piece be sure to ask.



**Framing Tool available for members to use!** We have a Dual Point Driver to securely fasten your art in your frame by driving the picture points into the wood frame. It is easy to use, and we are happy to offer it to any member to use in the art center studio during open gallery hours.

## Open Studio - Fridays

Starting Fridays, March 15, 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 (and in March, a friend). We supply the workspace, a reference library, company, and a relaxing positive atmosphere.

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## 2024 Fine Arts Center Calendar

Mark Your Calendar with These Shows and Events

### **Interpreting Life & Landscape - Special Exhibit**

Opening Reception

### **Oswego County Student Show**

Art due

Award Ceremony 1 pm

### **Annual Meeting (6 pm)**

### **Sunday Artist Show**

Drop off art

### **Member Show**

Drop off art

### **Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition**

Application Deadline

### **Silent Auction**

### **Member Fall - Winter Show**

Drop off art

### **Light Up Pulaski: Mugs and Makers**

March 7 - April 13

March 8

April 18 - May 11

April 11 - April 13

April 21

May 14

May 23 - June 22

May 16 - 18

July 4 - August 17

June 27 - 29

August 29 - October 19

August 3

September 21

October 31 - Jan 18, 2025

October 24 - 26

December 1



## Upcoming Classes

### Adult / Teen Classes

#### March Classes

Beginner Wheel Throwing  
Acrylic Painting Workshop  
Alcohol Ink Painting on Tile  
Mosaic Glass-on-Tile Class  
Beginner Watercolor - 4 Classes  
Needle Felting - Colored Egg

*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 the classes section on [our website](#), and to sign up for classes, please go to our [Square site](#).



#### Beginner Wheel Throwing

Instructor: Ann Buchau

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 9:30 am - noon

**SORRY! SOLD OUT!** Learn how to throw basic forms and create functional vessels using the potter's wheel. In addition to class time, you can come in for ten hours of open studio to practice and work on your pieces. All tools and materials provided to create at least three small vessels.



#### Beginner Acrylic Painting Workshop

Instructor: Brooke Snyder

March 2, 9, 16, 23

10 am - noon

In this beginner four-week workshop, instructor Brooke Snyder will provide you with valuable knowledge and skills needed to paint with acrylics on your own with confidence. All materials provided. [Sign up on Square.](#)

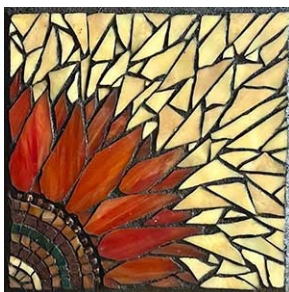


#### Alcohol Ink Painting on Tile

Instructor: Robin Eaton-Novak

Saturday, March 2, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

**SORRY! SOLD OUT!** In this beginner class you will learn to work with alcohol inks to create a vibrant flower painting on ceramic tile. There will be several sample pieces to inspire you as you create your own unique tile. All supplies and tools will be provided.



#### Mosaic Glass-on-Tile Class

Instructor: Diane Melnik

March 3, noon -3:00

March 10, 1 - 2 pm

**SORRY! SOLD OUT!** Come in and learn how to make a unique mosaic tile. Starting with a blank 6"x 6" ceramic tile, you will learn how to score and break small pieces of glass, arrange and glue them to a ceramic tile. Grout will be added in the second class as a finishing touch. These abstract patterned tiles can be used as a hot plate, trivet or a decorative wall hanging. The results are truly amazing!

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#### Beginner Watercolor 4-Class Workshop

Instructor: Craig Anderson

Tuesday evenings, 4 classes

March 12; April 2, 16 & 30

6 - 8 pm

Learn the foundations of watercolor as taught by Craig Anderson. Each class will build on the previous as you gain information and instruction on valuable techniques in a fun and supportive atmosphere. This class is for beginners as well as those with some watercolor experience. All supplies will be available; however, a materials list can be provided by the instructor should you want to purchase your own supplies prior to the class. Call the Art Center for the list during business hours.

[Sign up on Square.](#)



#### Needle Felting - Colored Egg

Instructor: Dawn Seevers

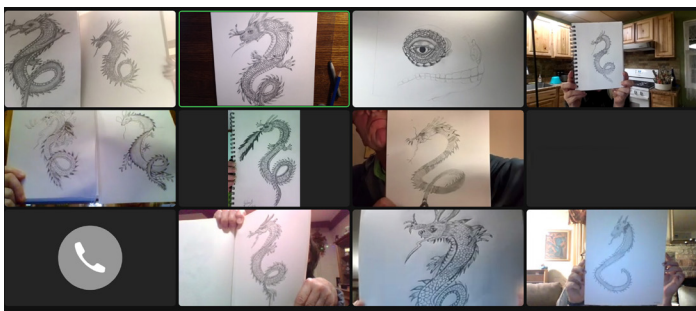
Saturday, March 16

1 - 3:30 pm

You will learn the basics of needle felting to create a 3D colored egg by the end of class. This is a beginner class; no experience is necessary. All materials supplied. Read class description.

[Sign up on Square.](#)

## 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!



# YAE (Young Artist Experience Art Club Classes

Materials supplied | Class limit 6 - 8 | Pay what you can



Our March - April YAE Art Club classes for elementary and junior/senior high school will be starting this month. Most classes fill up quickly, and we limit the class size to six or eight, so please check [our website](#) for class information and [Square site](#) to

sign up. Financial assistance is available for those who would like to attend and are unable to pay the full fee. *These YAE classes are made possible thanks to funding from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.*

## Thank YOU!

Welcome to our newest volunteers **CindyLu Thompson** and **Greta Burghddurf**. They've been helping us get organized and most recently helped as part of our "Take Down Team." A big thank you to this team extraordinaire: **Kris Sperati**, **Karen Wheeler**, **CindyLu Thompson**, and **Greta Burghdurf**, who gave up part of their Saturday afternoon to carefully take down all 209 6x6 pieces and carefully wrap the sold pieces for their new owners to pick up this week.

Thank you to a new volunteer, **Paulina Renggli**, and **Kris Sperati** for assisting with the YAE classes this session! Welcome and thank you to **Heather Hennigan** who has jumped right in to help us with a variety of tasks and has volunteered to be our member gallery coordinator. And welcome and thank you to **Kristine Merz**, who will be decorating our windows. Finally, thank you to all our volunteers – we couldn't do this without you.



Many thanks to our volunteers who helped organize our class supplies. Left to right: **Kris Sperati**, **CindyLu Thompson**, **Diane Melnik**, **Greta Burghdurf**, and **Kate Walsh** (not shown).

## Be a Volunteer

We would love to welcome you to our team of awesome volunteers. We are very much still 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.

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

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## 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...**

*"A true artist is not one who is inspired but one who inspires others."*

*— Salvador Dali*

*Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center*

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