



**SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER**  
*Your community art center since 1994.*

# Newsletter

## President's Message

Dear friends,

At the arts center, we are embracing spring – the season of transformation, change and new beginnings. Currently, we are busy transitioning shows. The beautiful glass exhibit is coming down (come pick up your purchases, if you made any!), and we are preparing for the amazing Oswego County Student Art show, which opens this week. It's a show of student talent that will awe and inspire you.

Another new beginning that we are excited about is welcoming our new Program Coordinator, Brooke Morse. As a side note, we were so happy to have had such a wonderful response to the posting of this position and I want to personally thank the many members and friends who applied. We love and appreciate you all and hope that you find other ways to get involved. We also want to invite everyone to meet and help us welcome Brooke in person at our "open house" on April 12th (details below). It's an opportunity for you to also share what programs you like or what ones you might like to see offered!

As we begin our new fiscal year in May, we will be holding a special member event on May 13th (mark your calendar) to review and share our plans and celebrate all of our members and volunteers that help make it all happen. This informative and fun event will be held at Stefano's in Pulaski and is for current members only, so make sure your membership is up to date or become a member here to attend. In the meantime, let spring inspire the artist within, sign up for a class, come view art or just stop in and say hi.

Spring into Art with us!

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#### Gallery Hours

Thursday, 11 am - 4:30 pm  
Friday, 11 am - 4:30 pm  
Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm



## Current and Upcoming Shows, Events and Art Opportunities

### Current Show

#### Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition

Exhibition: April 3 - 26

Opening Reception: April 6, 1p

### Upcoming Shows & Events:

#### Screen Free Week

FREE Art Opportunities for kids of all ages

April 17 - 19, gallery hours

#### Annual Members Meeting

Stefano's in Pulaski

May 13

Time TBA

#### Sunday Artist Show

Drop off art: May 1 - 3

Exhibition: May 8 - June 14

Awards Ceremony: May 9

#### Member Summer Show

Drop off art: June 19 - 21

Exhibition: June 26 - Aug 16

Opening Reception: June 27

For detailed information on Shows & Events check our website:

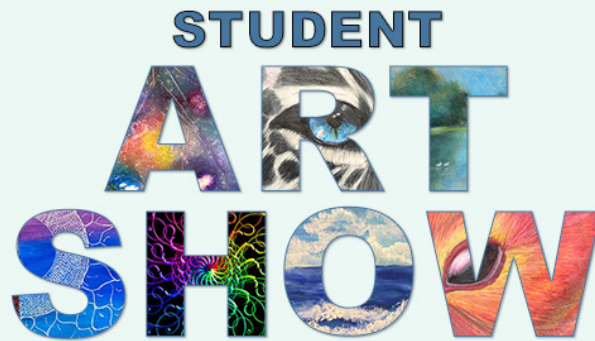
[salmonriverfineartscenter.com](http://salmonriverfineartscenter.com)

## Introducing our New Program Coordinator



Please join us in welcoming our Program Coordinator, Brooke Morse, on Saturday, April 12, 1:30 - 3 pm. Introduce yourself, share your thoughts and ideas, and enjoy light refreshments. You can read more about Brook by visiting her website: <https://www.brookeelizabethann.com/our-story>.

## Exhibitions & Events



### Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition

Exhibition: April 3 - 26

Awards Ceremony: Sunday April 6, 1 pm

Get ready for our newest show! The Salmon River Fine Arts Center is pleased to host the always exciting 29th annual Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition this spring. Importantly, it allows the community to see the amazing student talent in our schools.

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



**Upcoming Shows & Events:**

**Hooked on the Salmon River  
Juried Exhibition**  
Application Deadline: August 3  
Drop off art: August 21 - 23  
Exhibition: August 28 - Oct 17  
Opening Reception: August 29

**Silent Auction**  
September 20

**Member Fall - Winter Show**  
Drop off art: October 23 - 25  
Exhibition: Oct 30 - Jan 17, 2026

**Light Up Pulaski:  
Mugs and Makers**  
December 7

**FREE Art Opportunities:**

**FREE Senior Classes  
at Springbrook**  
Sign up on sign-up sheet  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
2 - 3 pm

**FREE Weekly Drawing Class  
on Zoom**  
Thursdays, 6 - 8 pm  
Email to sign up

**FREE Open Studio Fridays  
for Members (16+)**  
Volunteer artist available  
Fridays 12 - 3 pm  
No sign up; just come  
Bring artwork & supplies

# Screen Free Week

## Free Art Projects for Kids of All Ages



Turn off the kids' screens and stop into the arts center to create! Join us and make a bookmark and spring craft and participate in a Book Swap! Exchange books you've read and are ready to pass on and take a book that you love in a Book Swap! No sign-up needed; just stop in during the following days and times:

**April 17 - 18, Thursday & Friday,**  
1 - 3 pm  
**April 19, Saturday,**  
10 am - noon.

## Sunday Artist Show & Competition

When the Cows Come Home by Rebecca Moberg



Submit Artwork: May 1 - 3 | Exhibition: May 8 - June 14  
**Call for Entries!** Coming in May, our popular Sunday Artists Show, featuring original artwork of amateurs, emerging artists, and semi-professional artists. 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.](#)

*Thank YOU  
to our sponsor*

**Edward Jones**

### Winner of the Popular Vote 6x6 Show

For every show we ask viewers to vote for their favorite artwork. Here is the winner for our last show:



Congratulations to  
**Riley Britnell**  
For winning the popular vote for  
her art "Catnap & Dog Day"  
From the 6 x 6 Art Show



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## Announcements

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### *Call for Proposals Special Show 2026*

Each year the Salmon River Fine Arts Center presents a special show featuring one to three artists' work that aligns with our mission of engaging, educating or enriching our community through art. This year The Glass Show: Three Perspectives was our special exhibit. If you are interested in participating in a special exhibit in 2026 or have an idea for a featured exhibit you would like us to review, please send your proposal to the [sr.fine.art.ctr@gmail.com](mailto:sr.fine.art.ctr@gmail.com)

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## North Country Library System



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### Local Artists Wanted for North Country Library System This Summer

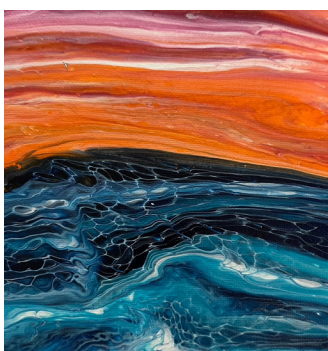
The Youth Services and Outreach Consultant for the North Country Library System, Katie St. Laurent, is building a directory of local artists who would be interested in displaying their work in local libraries this summer, performing at libraries, or leading workshops at the libraries. If you are interested, [please fill in the following form.](#)

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## April Adult Art Classes & Art Opportunities

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All adult / teen classes, unless otherwise noted, are discounted and made possible through "Enriching Lives through Art," a grant generously funded by the John Ben Snow Foundation. [See full class descriptions on our website or sign up on Square.](#) Additional 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.](#)



### Flow with Intention: Acrylic Pouring Class

Instructor: Debra Harlander

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Perfect for beginners and experienced artists alike, this acrylic pouring class will guide you through creating vibrant, layered designs bursting with color and elegance. You will craft beautiful patterns using various pouring and tilting techniques, and using a swiping method, you'll add intentional details that enhance the fluid movement of your artwork. All materials provided, including 8x10-inch canvases, paints and tools. [Sign up on Square.](#)



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### Beginner and Continuing Wheel Throwing

Instructor: Ann Buchau

Dates: Wednesday Evenings, April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14

Time: 6 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to throw basic forms using the potter's wheel. Through step-by-step instruction you will learn how to wedge, center, and create simple vessels. You will also learn trimming techniques and how to successfully glaze your pots. In addition to class time, you will have 10 - 12 hours open studio time. All tools and materials provided to make at least three small vessels. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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## April Adult Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued

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### Spring Splash Acrylic Painting

#### Rain Boots in April Showers

Instructor: Anna Hesford

Saturday, April 26, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Puddle-jumping weather is here, and this little pair of rain boots is soaking it all in, flowers and all. Celebrate the season in this beginner-friendly acrylic class as you create a cheerful 11x14 spring scene. You'll be guided step by step, exploring techniques like blending, texture, and color mixing along the way. A tracing pattern will be provided for those who prefer to focus on painting without the pressure of freehand drawing. All materials provided. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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### Stained Glass Garden Bricks: A 2-Day Workshop

Instructor: Diane Melnik

Sunday, April 27, 12:30 - 4:00 pm (3.5 hour class)

Sunday, May 4, 1:00 - 2:30 pm (1.5 hour class)

Transform Ordinary Bricks into Art! In this hands-on workshop, Diane will guide you through the art of creating a mosaic design using stained glass on a brick surface. You'll choose from a variety of vibrant glass colors to craft your own unique composition, all without the need for lead or soldering. Over the course of this two-day workshop, you will complete two beautifully designed bricks, ready to be placed in your garden or showcased as decorative accents. All materials will be supplied. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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### May Flower Week

May 1 - 10

Please stay tuned for our exciting May Flower Week. We will have a full week of art classes lined up from May 1 through May 10 to celebrate spring and the May flowers it brings. Several local businesses have agreed to join in the fun. We will have classes on floral arrangement, drawing, painting, and more. There will also be artistically created baked goods for sale. [Check our website](#), Facebook and newsletter so you don't miss out!

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### Free Drawing Class

Join Us Thursdays 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!**

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## Special Kids' Pottery One-day Workshop

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### Special Kids' Pottery One-day Workshop

Pottery Flower Bowls - Spring Inspired!

Instructor: Brooke Morse

Date: Saturday, April 26

Time: 9 - 11 am

Ages: 5 - 11

Cost: \$20 per student

Limited to 8 students - First come first served

A special one-day pottery workshop for kids to make pottery flower bowls in time for Mother's Day! Registration begins Wednesday, April 2 on Square; first come, first served. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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## The Richard S. Shineman Young Artist Experience (YAE) April Art Club Classes

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YAE Art Club classes are funded by the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.

All classes are pay what you can! Rate options available at time of checkout (\$5 - \$20 for all classes in one session). Free scholarships available for those with financial need - no questions - email or call the art center. [Check out all YAE classes on our website. Register in person or online at our Square site.](#) Note: Space is limited to 8 students per class.



### Diorama Art

Mondays 4 weeks: -

Mar 24, Apr 7, 21, 28 (no school, no class Mar 31 & April 14)

Instructor: Karen Allen

Starting with a wooden shadow box, learn how to create your own little miniature scene using a variety of papers, findings and Sculpey. It could be a woodland scene, or a room from your favorite restaurant, house or building.



### Garden Art

Tuesdays 4 weeks: -

April 22, 29, May 6, 13

Instructor: Kathy Allardice

Make art for the outdoors! In this 4-week session you will create a clay bird bath, garden gnomes and paint your own garden stake to mark your path or secret garden.



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## Be a Volunteer

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We Need YOU! We are always looking for volunteers to join us to help keep this incredible community organization going. Contact Diane (845-541-5917) or Ann (585-314-1973) for more information.

>>**Student Art Show.** Thanks to the many volunteers. If you are still interested in volunteering, let us know if you can help with the following tasks: help hang the show April 2 - 3; help prepare and print certificates for students April 2-5; help take down the show after 2 pm on Saturday, April 26, or the following week.

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## Leave a Legacy

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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...**

*"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." — Maya Angelou*

*Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center*

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