

SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

Your community art center since 1994.

Newsletter

President's Message

Dear art loving friends,

We are coming to the close of our fiscal year and preparing for our annual member meeting and appreciation event on May 12th -- the banquet room at Stefano's is already reserved! We hope you join us this year as we review the past year, talk about the changes and plans for the next one and appreciate the members and volunteers who support this art organization in so many different ways. To be transparent, I'm excited and anxious about leaving my role as president this May. Excited to be able to rebalance my volunteering and personal life, but a bit anxious that no one has yet stepped up to help lead the organization. But, I have faith in you and our big hearted community. Maybe you or someone you know is retired and looking for something worthwhile to do to serve the community. Maybe you or someone you know is goal oriented and looking to build a resume and develop experience in the arts. Maybe there is someone with a kind spirit who just understands the incredible need and value of having this art center in the community. I look forward to sharing my experience and assisting the new volunteers who step up. As a caring art community, we can work together to continue to grow this organization. While you consider the possibilities, I encourage you to create and participate in our community 6 x 6 art show and fundraiser. I say this because doing something creative is a great way to clear your head and feel connected. It might help you figure out how you might help. The fact is art is important in so many ways. Studies have proven that creating art can actually reduce your cortisol levels. "Making art is not just self-expression; it is a form of neural exercise that strengthens emotional resilience." (David Webb, *The Psychology of Art*) The 6 x 6 show is a perfect way to get involved in art because there is no pressure to create a masterpiece, work is small (6 inches by 6 inches), donated, hung anonymously, and all proceeds go to support the arts center. It's a win-win for all. The show and fundraiser, now in its seventh year at the arts center, was inspired by The Rochester Contemporary Art Center (RoCo) and is open to everyone regardless of age or skill level. Invite your friends and family to create with you and let's see what develops.

Wishing you lots of creativity,
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Gallery Hours

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

Current and Upcoming
Shows, Events and
Art Opportunities
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**Oswego County Student Show
& Competition**

Exhibition: through - April 4

Screen Free Week

FREE Art Activities for kids of
all ages at the Arts Center
April 1, 2 & 3, 10 am - noon

**6x6 Community Art Show
& FUNdraiser**

Submit Artwork:

April 2-4 & 9-11

Exhibition: April 16 - May 16

Annual Member Meeting

May 12

Fiber & Fire Special Show

Exhibition: May 28-June 27

YAE Student Exhibition

Date TBD

Sunday Artist Show

Exhibition: July 9 - August 13

**Hooked on the Salmon River
Juried Exhibit**

Exhibition: Aug 27-Oct 10

Member Fall Winter Show

Exhibition: Oct 22-Jan 16

Light Up Pulaski

Mugs & Makers

December 6

For detailed information
on Shows, Events & Classes
check our website:

salmonriverfineartscenter.com

Exhibitions & Events

Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition

546
Pieces of Art

385
Students

8
School Districts

1
Great Show



Final Week! Exhibition through April 4

Hurry in to see our 30th annual Oswego County Student Art Show; it is leaving our gallery soon. As always, it's an extraordinary show.

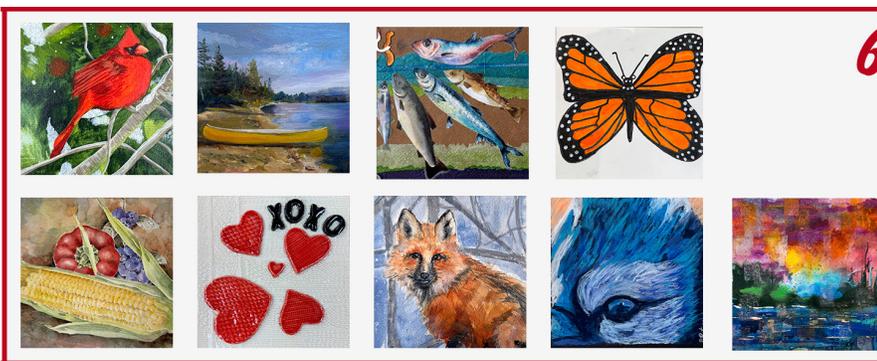


Thank you to everyone who came out to support Oswego County students at the awards ceremony.



Also, a very special thank you to our generous sponsors who help make this show possible.

Exhibition & Events Continued



**6 x 6 Community Art Show
& FUNdraiser**

Exhibition: April 16 - May 16

**Art Due:
April 2-4 & 9-11**

Call for entries! You and the whole community are invited to make 6x6-inch pieces of art for our seventh annual 6 x 6 FUNdraiser. You don't need to be an artist to create. Any age, any medium — as long as it is 6 inches by 6 inches. All art will be hung anonymously and sold for \$15 each to benefit the arts center! [Check our website](#) for our show guidelines and entry forms and other 6 x 6 show information.

April Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities

All adult / teen classes, unless otherwise noted, are discounted and made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and through “Enriching Lives through Art,” a grant generously funded by the John Ben Snow Foundation & Memorial Trust.

[See full class descriptions on our website](#) and [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.



Watercolor Foundations: Introduction to Watercolor Painting

Instructor: Antonia Cantu

Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16 & 23 | 6-8 pm

Fee: \$65 (25% off—members price \$48.75

Discover the beauty and versatility of watercolor in this beginner-friendly watercolor painting class. Over the course of four weeks, students will explore the essential techniques and materials needed to confidently begin painting with watercolor. This class will introduce participants to basic watercolor materials, brush handling, and foundational painting techniques. Students will learn how to control water and pigment, create smooth washes, and build depth through layering and blending colors. By the end of the course, participants will have a stronger understanding of watercolor techniques and will complete several small paintings while building confidence with this medium. All materials will be supplied.

[Sign up on Square.](#)

April Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued



Wheel Throwing Fundamentals: 4-Week Pottery Class

Instructor: Antonia Cantu

Fridays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Fee: \$100 (25% off—members price \$75)*

Discover the art of pottery in this 4-week introductory wheel-throwing class designed for beginners or anyone looking to build a strong foundation on the pottery wheel. Students will learn essential techniques needed to create beautiful, functional ceramic pieces while gaining confidence working with clay. Throughout the course, participants will be guided step by step through the pottery process. Students will learn how to prepare clay, center it on the wheel, and form a basic cylinder, the foundational shape used to create many ceramic forms. Once comfortable with this process, students will be shown how to transform cylinders into simple functional pieces such as cups and bowls. Students will also learn important finishing skills, including proper drying techniques, trimming the base of their pieces, and basic glazing methods to prepare their work for kiln firing. By the end of the class, students will have a collection of handmade ceramic pieces and a solid introduction to wheel-throwing techniques. All tools and materials are provided. [Sign up on Square.](#)



Mosaic Garden Art Workshop: Two-Sided Paisley Design

Instructor: Dyan Melnik

April 19, 1-4 pm | April 26, 1-4 pm | May 3, 1-3 pm

Fees: \$45 (25% off— members price \$33.75)

Create a stunning, one-of-a-kind garden feature in this immersive 3-day mosaic workshop with artist Dyan Melnik. In this class, participants will design and construct a beautiful two-sided paisley mosaic that can be admired from every angle in your outdoor space. Using a variety of colorful glass, tile, and mixed media materials, students will learn essential mosaic techniques, including cutting, layout design, adhesion, and grouting. Your finished piece will be securely mounted on a steel rod, making it easy to display as a decorative element in your garden, yard, or landscape. [Sign up on Square.](#)



Alcohol Inks on Ceramic Light Switch Tiles

Instructor: Robin Eaton-Novak

Saturday, April 25 | 10 am – Noon

Fee: \$35 (25% off—members price \$26.25)*

In this class, you'll transform an ordinary ceramic light switch cover into a functional piece of art using vibrant alcohol inks. Explore the fluid beauty of alcohol inks as you learn techniques for creating abstract patterns and stunning landscape-inspired designs. Robbin will guide you through the process of applying inks to ceramic surfaces and sealing your artwork so it's both durable and decorative. Attendees will make 2 light switch covers. This is a fun and relaxing class for all skill levels—no prior experience necessary. Perfect for adding a personal touch to your space or gifting something handmade and beautiful. All materials will be supplied. [Sign up on Square.](#)

April Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued



6-day Leather Tooling 101 Workshop

Instructor: Anna Blachman

Saturdays April 25 & May 2, 9 16, 23, 30 | 2 - 5 pm

Fee: \$80 (25% off—members price \$60)

This 13–16 hour workshop, offered over 5–6 days, provides a hands-on introduction to the art of leather carving and tooling. Participants will learn foundational techniques while designing and creating their own tooled traveler's notebook or wall hanging. Throughout the workshop, students will explore traditional leatherworking tools, carving methods, texture techniques, and finishing processes that bring designs to life. This workshop is perfect for art teachers looking for fresh techniques to bring back to the classroom, artists who want to expand their creative practice, and anyone curious about learning a new craft. All skill levels are welcome. By the end of the workshop, students will leave with a completed handcrafted leather piece and a strong foundation in leather tooling techniques that they can continue exploring. All tools and materials provided; however, students may bring their own. [Sign up on Square.](#)

Free Classes & Art Opportunities

Free Drawing Class - Join Us Thursdays 6–8 pm.

Virtual Class on Zoom

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!**



2-D Open Studio Free to Members (16+)

Friday afternoons, 1-4 pm

Bring your own art project and supplies, join our volunteer artist in the back classroom, enjoy great company, and make beautiful art.



Pottery Open Studio

Tuesday evenings, 6-8:30 pm, with Joan Mullen

Friday afternoons, 1-4 pm, with Paula Yerdon

Members \$5 per session | non members \$10 per session

Purchase clay from us, use our tools and equipment, and work independently and play in clay! Participants must have taken a class with us in the past year to ensure safety and understanding of equipment. A studio monitor is present to ensure you have good, safe fun, but does not provide instruction.



Robert S. Shineman Foundation YAE Afterschool Spring Art Club 2026

These classes are made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and a grant from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.

Elementary ART Program (ages 5-10) 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Elementary & Middle/High School ART Program (ages 5+) 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Option for Bus drop off after school directly at the art center (with permission slip)

Cost: Pay what you can. \$5 - \$40 (covers one-month session, all materials and a snack)

Free scholarships available –please email your request!

Class Limit: 8 (first come; first served) | Sign up at the Arts Center or on our [Square Site](#).

April Session: **Animals Painting and Drawing**

Elementary Class (ages 5-10)

Mondays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3:30-5 pm

Sorry! Class is full.

Elementary & Middle -High School (ages 5+)

Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29 | 3:30-5 pm

[Sign up on Square.](#)

Spring into creativity with colorful animal-inspired art!

Celebrate new beginnings through art in this inspiring 4-day Painting & Drawing Workshop with instructor Brooke Snyder! Designed for both Elementary and MS/HS students, this class invites young artists to explore themes of animals, transformation, and rebirth through creative drawing and painting projects. Over four days, students will experiment with a variety of materials and techniques while creating artwork inspired by creatures that symbolize change—such as butterflies, birds, frogs, and woodland animals. With step-by-step guidance and plenty of room for personal style, students will leave with completed artwork that reflects growth, imagination, and the beauty of nature.



Instructor: Brooke Snyder

Free Classes & Art Opportunities for Kids

Screen Free Week
Salmon River Fine Arts Center

Free Art Projects for Kids of All Ages

April 1, 2 & 3 | 10 am - noon

— with Brooke Morse —

Thank YOU Volunteers



It takes a village! So many thanks to the many volunteers who tirelessly worked on the student art show, which displayed over 500 pieces of student artwork: Anna Blachman, Ann Buchau, Jill Eccleston, Barb Hartman, Tom Lambert, Margie Ledden, Dyan Melnik, Billie Jo Peterson, Howard Preston, Kim Ryder, Kris Sperati, Jan van der Heide, Kate Walsh, Nancy Warner.

Be a Volunteer

Everyone has something different to offer. What can you do to help us spread the joy of art in our community?

- * Assist in the gallery—greet and talk with visitors.
- * Assist with a class. Help us set up supplies and clean up.
 - * Help keep our center neat and tidy.
 - * Help us with marketing or graphic design.
 - * Join a committee and share your ideas.
- * Help with an event—hang a show, help with refreshments.

We are always looking for volunteers to join us to help keep this incredible community organization going. Please contact us for information.

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...

“If you always do what you always did - you’ll always get what you always got.” — Unknown

Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center

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