Salmon River Fine Arts Center

Your community art center since 1994.

Newsletter

Hello Members, Artists, Volunteers, and Friends,

My name is Rochelle (Shelly) Peabody, and I am incredibly excited to be a part of our Salmon River Fine Arts Center! Last fall I joined the board as Secretary and this year stepped up for the leadership role of Vice President.

Judy Van Wie and I are committed to ensuring programs and people collaborate to continue to enrich and educate the community through art. I am the financial advisor in the local Edward Jones branch here in Pulaski. I am a proud supporter of our art center. I grew up locally and have enjoyed photographing the nature and beauty that surrounds this area season over season. I'm also a paper crafter/scrapbooker by heart! My husband and I live in neighboring Mexico with our son Elliott, dog REN and cat Sonni.

Recently I was able to attend the Sunday Artist Show reception and met some community members and local artists. It was an incredible show of talented art and the event was well attended. I look forward to more events like these in the future. I'm enjoying seeing the young artists and their creations during our ongoing summer art camps being held in July and August.

Our Art Center has thrived because of the commitment of many people – **artists** who share their talents, **volunteers** who generously give their time, and **supporters** who believe in the value of the arts.

Keep up the great work! Tell a friend, become a member, take a class, or volunteer! I look forward to seeing you.

Warm regards,

Shelly Peabody,
Board Vice President & Secretary

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

Current and Upcoming Shows, Events and Art Opportunities

------ 2026-2027 ------

Mark your calendar!

Sunday Artist Show & Competition
Exhibition: through August 16

Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibit
CALL FOR ENTRIES
Application Deadline: August 8
Exhibition: Aug 27 - Oct 10

Member Fall Winter Show
CALL FOR ENTRIES
Drop off art: October 15-17
Exhibition:
October 22 - January 16, 2027

Light Up Pulaski
Mugs & Makers
December 6

Special Exhibit 2027
Now accepting proposals!
(See below.)
Exhibition:
January 28 - March 6, 2027

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

salmonriverfineartscenter.com

Exhibitions & Events

Be sure to see the exceptional and inspiring Sunday Artists Show featuring the work of amateurs, emerging artists and semi-professional artists now in our gallery. We are fortunate to have so much artistic talent in our area. **Congratulations to Antonia Cantu, the winner of the Edward Jones Best of Show Award, for her ceramic piece titled *Big Peep Keychain*.** Be sure to come in to see this piece and the many, many others that will also delight you.

Thank YOU to our sponsor

Edward Jones

Thank you, Edward Jones, and especially Rochelle Peabody, for your continued and generous support of the Sunday Artist Show.

We had an extraordinary turnout for our Awards Ceremony for the Sunday Artists Show. Thank you to everyone who made this event so special. **And special thanks to our judge for the show, Alesia Wilson, and the volunteers who helped to inventory, hang and tag this show:** Anna Blachman, Deb Fjeld, Barb Hartman, Heather Hennigan, Dyan Melnik, Rochelle Peabody, Howard Preston, Judy Van Wie, and Kate Walsh.

Artists Rachel Consolazio & Tina Limpert

A few of the attendees

Fiber & Fire Artists' Talk, July 9

Our small gathering proved to be a very interesting, inspiring, and informal conversation with the artists on the last day of their popular Fiber & Fire Show. They openly shared their personal creative journey, challenges and inspiration, and how it all shaped their art. Thank you to all three artists who made this Special Show so special.

Important Dates
8/8 Application Deadline
8/14 Notification Deadline
8/20-22 Deliver Accepted Art
8/28 Opening Reception
8/27 - 10/10 Exhibition
Cash Awards including $300 Best of Show

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your work inspired by the Salmon River! (It's not just about fishing — it's the habitat and landscapes surrounding the river too!) All styles and genres of fine art and fine craft will be accepted from artists 18 and older. Artwork must have been completed in the last two years. See our website for details.

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Announcements

Call for Proposals

Special Show 2027

Each year we hold a special exhibit (like this year's Fiber and Fire) featuring two to three artists with unique art techniques or compelling stories or messages as a means to educate and inspire both you and our community.

We are now accepting proposals for next year's exhibit. If you are interested in exhibiting a body of your work or want to recommend an artist (you do not need to be a member to exhibit) please send your ideas or proposal to ann.buchau@srfac.org.

August 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.

Puppy Portraits in Acrylic: Paint Your Favorite Furry Friend
Instructor: Brooke Snyder
Two Saturdays, August 1 & 15, 4-7 pm
Ages: Adult/Teen (13+)
Fee: $28 members / $35 non-members
Location: 2-D Studio, Salmon River Fine Arts Center
Have you always wanted to paint a portrait of your own beloved dog? In this class you will learn the skills necessary to create your own one-of-a-kind portrait of your pup. This will be a 2-day workshop class. The first day will focus on learning skills, including choosing colors, practicing brushstrokes, and blending. On the second day we will put these skills into practice. You will have one-on-one access to your teacher, who will help you to achieve the look you want. This class is welcome to all skill levels. Please bring a photo of your dog to class; all other materials will be provided. This class will be catered specifically to dog portraits. Please do not bring photos of other pets. Sign up on Square.

August Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued

Intermediate Pottery: Forms & Finishing Techniques
4-Week Pottery Series
Instructor: Antonia Cantu
Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26 | 5-7:30 pm
Ages: Adult/Teen (13+)
Skill Level: Intermediate
Fee: $60 members / $75 non-members
Ready to take your pottery skills to the next level? This intermediate-level ceramics class is designed for potters who already have basic wheel-throwing experience and are looking to refine their craftsmanship and expand their creative techniques. Throughout the series, students will explore creating and fitting lidded jars; using different styles and techniques for handles; learning basic surface design and decoration; using finishing techniques for polished, functional pottery; and refining forms and improving consistency on the wheel. Students will also have access to pottery open studio during the class session. **Sign up on Square.**

Wheel Throwing Fundamentals: 4-Week Pottery Class
Instructor: Antonia Cantu
Fridays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 5:00-7:30 pm
Ages: Adult/Teen
Skill Level: Beginner / Introductory
Fee: $80 members / $100 non-members
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 the essential techniques needed to create beautiful, functional ceramic pieces while gaining confidence working with clay. In addition to throwing, students will 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. **Sign up on Square.**

Ceramic Wind Chimes: A 2-Day Clay Workshop
Instructor: Brooke Morse
Making day: Wednesday, Aug 12, 5-7:30 pm
Glaze day: Wednesday, Aug 19, 5-7:30pm
Ages: Adult/Teen (12+)
Skill Level: Intermediate
Fee: $36 members / $45 non-members
Location: 2-D Studio, Salmon River Fine Arts Center
Create a beautiful handmade ceramic wind chime that brings art, movement, and sound to your home or garden. In this two-day workshop, students will design, build, glaze, and finish a unique ceramic wind chime while learning a variety of clay handbuilding techniques. Throughout the workshop, participants will explore texture, form, and design while creating functional artwork that is both decorative and durable. **Sign up on Square.**

August Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued

Grid-Based Gelli Plate Collage: Layering, Pattern & Metallic Details
Instructor: Beth Sotherden
Saturday, August 22 | 10 am - 12 pm
Ages: Adult/Teen (13+)
Skill Level: Beginner
Fee: $20 members / $25 non-members
Discover the creative possibilities of combining Gelli Plate printing with collage in this hands-on mixed media workshop. Students will create a collection of printed papers using Gelli Plate techniques and then transform those papers into structured grid-based compositions that explore pattern, color, texture, and balance. Throughout the workshop, participants will learn how to create visually engaging artwork by building compositions from layered printed papers while exploring how artists use repetition, contrast, and focal points to create dynamic designs. This class is perfect for beginners, mixed media artists, paper lovers, and anyone who enjoys experimentation and process-based artmaking.
Sign up on Square.

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.

Senior Art Classes

At a recent art class for seniors, students created a small artwork by pasting pressed flowers, leaves and ferns on a thick sheet of homemade paper. In the weeks before the class, the instructors, Karen Wheeler and Barb Hartman, worked together to make the paper from scratch, and they also gathered examples of local flora, pressed them, and made them available for the class. The result was a lovely way to capture summer's beauty.

Elementary, Junior High & High School Summer Art Classes

YAE Summer Art Camps at the Arts Center

for children to explore art in a fun and supportive environment

Young Artist Experience or YAE program (pronounced "yay") are mindfulness-based art classes that help relieve stress and nurture the creative spirit! All classes are held at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center. ***These discounted 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 through the generous funding of the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.***

Special thanks also goes to The Oswego County Federal Credit Union, Mexico Branch,
for helping to fund our Summer Art Camps.

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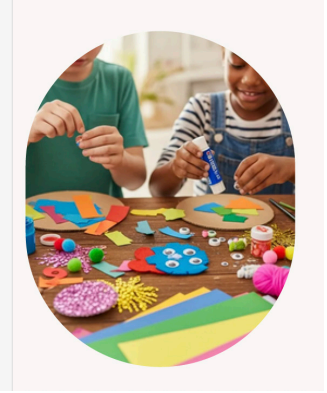
Draw It Real: Ages 9-15
Dates: August 3-6
Session 1: 9-11 am
Instructor: Christine Fischer
Take your drawing skills to the next level in this 4-day class designed for aspiring artists ages 9–15! Students will learn the fundamentals of realistic drawing, including proportion, shading, perspective, and observation techniques. Using pencils, charcoal, and other drawing tools, they'll practice capturing still life objects, nature, and even portraits with increased accuracy and detail. Whether you're just starting or looking to refine your skills, this class will help you build confidence and sharpen your eye for the world around you—all in a supportive, creative environment.

Creative Crafts: Ages 5 & Up
Dates: August 3-6
Session 1: 9-11 am
Session 2: 1-3 pm
Instructor: Brooke Morse
Get ready to explore, create, and craft in our Creative Crafts Camp! Throughout the Monday-Thursday session, young artists will complete a variety of guided hands-on projects using different materials, tools, and artistic techniques each day. From painting and collage to sculpture, paper crafts, fiber arts, and mixed media creations, students will experiment with new skills while building confidence in their creativity. This fun-filled class encourages imagination, problem-solving, and artistic exploration in a supportive and engaging environment. Perfect for kids who love making things with their hands and trying something new every day!



Clay Creepy Crawlies: Ages 7 & UP
Dates: August 3-6
Session 2: 1-3 pm
Instructor: Jessica Wiggins
Step into the fascinating world of insects and imagination in our Clay Bugs & Creepy Crawlies class! Young artists will sculpt, shape, and design their own creepy critters using clay while exploring the textures, patterns, and details found in nature. From colorful beetles and butterflies to silly spiders and imaginative bugs, students will learn handbuilding techniques such as pinching, coiling, and carving to bring their tiny creatures to life. This hands-on class encourages creativity, problem-solving, and playful exploration while helping students build confidence in working with clay in a fun and supportive studio environment.

Summer Art Camps Continued

A few of our students from our July Summer Art Camps

Beyond Our Horizons

Announcements and News Beyond Our Organization

The Cake Walk Comes to the Arts Center

Stop by the Salmon River Fine Arts Center, Sunday, August 16, on your Cake Walk tour where we will offer lemon themed desserts and beverages for you to enjoy while you admire our delicious artwork.

All are welcome.

Be a Volunteer

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

* Assist in the gallery -- greet and talk with visitors.
* Assist with a class. Help us set up 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.

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 or 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: 501(c)(3), 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 chartable 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…

"Creative work is a gift to the world and every being in it. Don't cheat us of your contribution. Give us what you've got."
– Steven Pressfield

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