

Salmon River Fine Arts Center

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Happy Holidays!

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Keeping you safe is our number one priority

It's been a busy December and we are finally taking time to reflect and get our news together for you. If there is one thing that this pandemic has taught us, it is how to be flexible. Thank you for your patience as we navigate through changes and challenges. As the cases of COVID continue to climb it seems like everyone by now has a friend, neighbor or family member who has been touched by this pandemic. So we continue to be cautious and make changes to stay safe. Here are a few updates you should know:

Limited hours.

For the next couple of weeks, we will be open by appointment only to allow our volunteers time to observe the holidays. Some of us live minutes away and are happy to meet you or a few visitors safely in the gallery for your viewing or shopping convenience. After the holidays, we will be open Fridays 3 - 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am - Noon, and by appointment until we can get back to "normal" hours again.

Volunteer Training.

Volunteering during a pandemic has its own set of challenges but you should know we have guidelines and training to ensure everyone is safe while at the center. If you are looking to get out for a couple of hours, we would love to invite you to join our team of volunteers. There are many opportunities to help, assisting in the gallery or doing tasks behind the scenes. We try to schedule teams of two so you are never alone and will provide all the training you need to feel comfortable. **Volunteering is a great New Year's resolution!**

Volunteer Spotlight:

We want to thank **Diane Melnik** for her volunteerism and commitment to be at the center to hand out kits for classes every Friday and assist in the gallery on Saturday mornings while we stream the children's classes. Diane has been an active board member for a little less than a year and is our "sunshine committee" and volunteer coordinator. Whenever there is a task to be done, she is usually the first to volunteer. We love Diane and her kind, beautiful spirit. Thank you Diane!

Online classes.

Although we can't wait to get back to the wonderful activity of in-person classes, we are finding people really enjoy our virtual classes in the comfort and safety of their home.

Our **Thursday night drawing class** is growing in popularity and we see new local faces and have even had some international visitors from places like London, England and Melbourne Australia!! Ann has been teaching this class and guides students step by step through a warm up exercise and a new drawing each week that focuses on a different art element, technique or subject. It's a great way to be "social" safely and make art. Registration for this free class is through [eventbrite](#). A link to join the class is sent to all the registered participants typically the day prior to class.

The **YAE (Young Artist Experience) classes** are online and although some of the lessons have to be adapted slightly, we have had great feedback and results. Anyone with internet connection and a laptop or ipad can connect and we supply the materials and instruction. We now have four different instructors that rotate monthly for the 5- 10 age group. Our current instructors include: Keirsten Jennings, Jessie Kling, Sarah Fowler and Ann Buchau. Thank you to all the parents for your commitment too!

Virtual Instructor Training and Assistance

Some instructors find teaching virtually a little intimidating. We have made it easy with our new webcam equipment. Ann has committed to taking care of all the technical set up, so instructors can just come into the center to teach, demonstrate and enjoy real time class interaction without the worry of figuring out the technical aspects.

If you are interested in teaching either children or adult classes virtually, or would like to see a demo on how this works email us or call Ann Buchau at 585-314-1973.

T'is the season to express our gratitude.

We are so very grateful to all the community supporters who allow us to not only stay open but also offer discounts for classes. This year has been especially tough on many businesses and small non-profits like us. That's why we were incredibly grateful and humbled to receive another grant from the **Pulaski Community Endowment Fund** to help us provide "Art for Challenging Times." This grant provides three months of funding to help us through these winter months and provides two online classes for each month. We know times are tough right now for everyone and making art is something we all need to make us feel good and help in our personal healing

and growth. We are so grateful to our friends at the Pulaski Community Endowment Fund for helping us through these challenging times.

As we reflect on this past year, we want to thank and recognize all our **“Friends of the Gallery”** for their generous donations and event sponsorship over this past year. We couldn’t have made it through 2020 without them.

Pulaski Community Endowment Fund -for their support and funding of “Art for Challenging Times.”

Richard S. Shineman Foundation - for their funding of our Young Artist Experience on Saturday mornings, and providing money to remodel and equip two studios. The new kiln will be fired up in January!

Drs Jay and Pat Chapman - for funding the Thursday night drawing class, which is now online and growing in popularity with local and international students joining us!

Decentralization Program (DEC), a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by **CNY Arts** for helping to fund various classes.

We also want to recognize our sponsors and platinum members who donated \$500 or more:

Bill and Deb Buckley - for their continued support and commitment to local art.

Margaret and Will Barclay - for their love of community and passion for art through their involvement with local organizations (the Richard S. Shineman Foundation and the Douglaston Salmon Run)

Brant Deaton - for his long time sponsorship of the Sunday Artist Show and the Student Art Show (through Pulaski Ace Hardware and Agway Store)

And thank you to our many gold members who have supported us through donations of \$100 or more during this difficult year. We appreciate all of you!

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Upcoming Classes at the center

We are happy to be able to provide classes virtually during these challenging times and, thanks to our generous friends, provide a special COVID discount.

Free Thursday Evening Drawing Classes



Instructor: Ann Buchau

Date and time: Thursdays, 6 pm - 8 pm

Ages: All ages welcome (lessons are geared toward adult)

Maximum enrollment: 20

Fee: Free.

Location: Virtual

Register through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-thursday-evening-drawing-class-tickets-128717977937>

Enjoy this online step-by-step drawing class in the comfort and safety of your own home. Each week your instructor will focus on a different art element, technique or subject with the ultimate goal of improving and developing your own unique style. After you register for this free class you will be emailed a link with instructions. You can use your own paper and pencils, or arrange for pick up of materials by contacting the art center. These free classes are open to anyone with a desire to draw – any age, any level. In January, we will focus on drawings that fit a six by six inch format! Classes are made possible by a generous donation from Drs. Patricia and Jay Chapman.

YAE - Winter Landscape



Instructor: Keirsten Jennings

Date and time: 1/9/21, 10 – 11:30am

Ages: 5 – 10 years

Maximum enrollment: 10

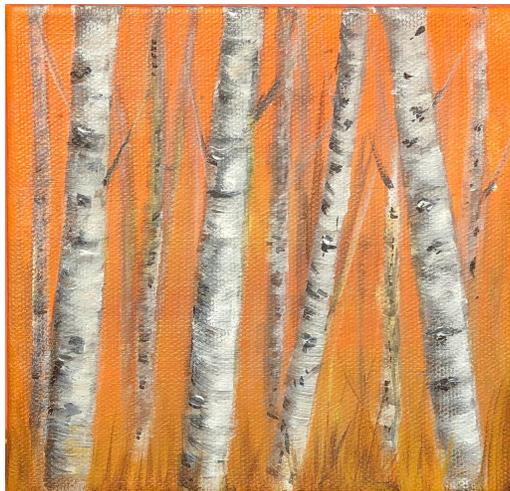
Fee: \$5 per class. Additional siblings are only \$1 more per sibling.

Location: Virtual

Register: [Salmon River Fine Arts Center Square Site](#)

In this virtual class, students will create a winter landscape the style of contemporary artist Jen Aranyi (<https://jenaranyi.com>). The landscape will be drawn in Sharpie using guided drawing and the sky will be painted with a watercolor salt wash. Students will add trees, choosing whether to draw them or add them with collage. All materials are supplied and available for pick up the Friday before class between 3 and 5 pm, or by appointment. A link and instructions will be emailed prior to the class. This program is made possible by the generous funding from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.

6 x 6 Acrylic Painting: Birch Trees



Instructor: Ann Buchau

Date and time: Saturday 1/9/21, 1 - 3 pm

Ages: Adult, 14 and up

Maximum enrollment: 10

Fee: \$5 members/\$10 non-members.

Location: Virtual

Register: [Salmon River Fine Arts Center Square Site](#)

Join us in this live stream class for step by step guided instruction on how to paint birch trees with acrylic paint. You will receive two 6 x 6 inch canvases when you sign up for this class, one to paint during class and one to experiment on your own later!. We hope that you will donate one of your masterpieces to our upcoming 6 x 6 community art show. See details below. All materials are supplied and available for pick up the Friday before class between 3 and 5 pm, or by appointment. A link and instructions will be emailed prior to the class. This class is made possible through a generous grant from the Pulaski Community Endowment Foundation.

YAE - Bubble Monoprints



Instructor: Jess Kling

Date and time: 1/16/21, 10 – 11:30am

Ages: 5 – 10 years

Maximum enrollment: 10

Fee: \$5 per class. Additional siblings are only \$1 more per sibling.

Location: Virtual

Register: [Salmon River Fine Arts Center Square Site](#)

In this virtual class students will explore monoprinting, which means making a single impression or print of an image. Students will create several prints using colored bubbles. Children will be given primary colored paint and we will talk about mixing colors and how to create secondary colors. Students may want to wear a smock or old shirt for this class. All materials are supplied and available for pick up the Friday before class between 3 and 5 pm, or by appointment. A link and instructions will be emailed prior to the class. This program is made possible by the generous funding from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.

Zentangle 6 x 6



Instructor: Ann Buchau

Date and time: Saturday 1/16/21, 1 - 3 pm

Ages: Adult, 14 and up

Maximum enrollment: 10

Fee: \$5 members/\$10 non-members.

Location: Virtual

Register: [Salmon River Fine Arts Center Square Site](#)

Explore the element of line with a method referred to as Zentangle. We will create different patterns or “tangles” and combine them with dots, lines and curves to create a unique piece of art. You will be provided a couple of traceable silhouettes such as an owl

or cat that you can fill with these patterns or simply create something abstract. You will receive 3 sheets of 6 x 6 inch paper to create your art. We hope that you will donate one of your masterpieces to our upcoming 6 x 6 community art show. See details below. All materials are supplied and available for pick up the Friday before class between 3 and 5 pm, or by appointment. A link and instructions will be emailed prior to the class. This class is made possible through a generous grant from the Pulaski Community Endowment Foundation.

Mixed Media 6 x 6



Instructor: Beth Sotherden

Date and time: Sunday 1/17/21, 1 - 3 pm

Ages: Adult, 14 and up

Maximum enrollment: 10

Fee: \$5 members/\$10 non-members.

Location: Virtual

In this virtual class you will create four 6 x 6 inch abstract mixed media paintings using a 12 x 12 inch piece of paper as your base collage. Then you will add more layers of color, shapes and lines, before dividing the piece into 4 small paintings. Students will receive a variety of photocopied graphics and stencils to work with to create your own unique mixed media painting. Students should feel free to use any pictures or small additions of their own to personalize their paintings. We hope that you will donate one of your masterpieces to our upcoming 6 x 6 community art show. See details below. All materials are supplied and available for pick up the Friday before class between 3 and 5 pm, or by appointment. A link and instructions will be emailed prior to the class. This class is made possible through a generous grant from the Pulaski Community Endowment Foundation.

YAE - Snowflake Collage



Instructor: Sarah Fowler

Date and time: Saturday, 1/23/21, 10 – 11:30am

Ages: 5 – 10 years

Maximum enrollment: 10

Fee: \$5 per class. Additional siblings are only \$1 more per sibling.

Location: Virtual

In this virtual class students will work with glitter or patterned paper to create a snowflake. They will learn about symmetry and balance as they create line designs and shapes to create their own unique snowflake. All materials are supplied and available for pick up the Friday before class between 3 and 5 pm, or by appointment. A link and instructions will be emailed prior to the class. This program is made possible by the generous funding from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.

Acrylic Pour Painting - Poppies



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIw4bcYNH_Q

Instructor: Ann Buchau

Date and time: Saturday 1/23/21, 1 - 3 pm

Ages: Adult, 14 and up

Maximum enrollment: 10

Fee: \$5 members/\$10 non-members.

Location: Virtual

Register: [Salmon River Fine Arts Center Square Site](#)

Acrylic pour painting is often abstract and serendipitous. In this class we will work with control and intention to create beautiful poppies using a combination of blowing and swiping techniques. Each student will practice and create a small painting on specialty paper before doing a final painting on stretched 6 x 6 canvas. We hope that you will donate one of your masterpieces to our upcoming 6 x 6 community art show. See details

below. All materials are supplied and available for pick up the Friday before class between 3 and 5 pm, or by appointment. A link and instructions will be emailed prior to the class. This class is made possible through a generous grant from the Pulaski Community Endowment Foundation.

Upcoming Shows

Our member only **Fall-Winter show** will be up through January 27th. If you haven't seen it, call us to set up a time to see the show.



6 x 6 Community Art Show --

We are inviting YOU and anyone in our surrounding communities to create art for our second annual 6 x 6 community art show. As this is a fundraiser, all art submitted is donated to the center and will be for sale for \$15 each. You don't have to be a member or an artist to participate. In fact, that is what makes it fun because all entries are hung anonymously. No one knows who made the art until it is purchased! Anyone can participate and there is no entry fee. All sales benefit the Salmon River Fine Arts Center.

We have a couple of changes this year:

- Due to COVID, we won't be holding a big opening party, but we will be open for viewing during our gallery hours or by appointment. (Hours may change based on the current COVID requirements)
- Purchases may be made either online or in person.

Not sure what to make? Our January classes will focus on making 6 x 6 art in a variety of mediums!

Need materials? To make things even easier, we are offering free 6 x 6 paper, canvas, boards and other materials for you to create your art on. These will be available starting January 8th on a first come, first served basis until gone.

Important upcoming dates

Dates are subject to change, please be sure to check our website for updates.

6 x 6 Show - 02/06 - 03/31

Drop off art Thurs-Sat 01/28 - 01/30 (and pick up any work from the member show)

6 x 6 preview Thurs - Fri 02/04 - 02/05
VIP Opening 6-8 pm in person or online (invite only) 02/05
6 x 6 Open to the public 10 am - 2 pm, 02/06
Pick up purchased/unsold 6 x 6 art 04/01 -04/03

Student Show & VIRTUAL SHOW 04/11 - 05/06/21
Art & IMAGES DUE -Friday 3/26/21
Pick up work 05/07 -05/08/21

Sunday Artist Show 05/16 - 06/09/21
Drop off art 05/06 - 05/08/21
Pick up art 6/10 - 06/12/21

Member Show 06/17 - 08/18/21
Drop off art 6/10 - 06/12/21
Pick up art 8/19 -8/21

Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Art Exhibition 08/27 - 10/27/21
Drop off art 8/19 -8/21
Pick up art 10/28 -10/30

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Membership reminder

We want to remind you that annual membership dues allow us to “keep the lights on” and help provide wonderful art programs to this community. We ask that if you are not a member, you consider joining and if you are a member make sure your annual membership is up to date or consider becoming a VIP member. Perhaps you might consider giving a gift of membership. It’s always more fun to enjoy art with a friend. For questions about your membership status you may contact our membership secretary, Joan Mullen at 703-463-7574.

With a heart full of gratitude, we wish you all a safe, creative and happy New Year!

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