



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

Newsletter

President's Message

Dear art loving friends,

We have had so much fun counting down the reasons people have told us why they feel it is important to support the Salmon River Fine Arts Center during our membership and fundraising drive. What reason resonates with you most? We would love to know. For those who have contributed already, thank you so much! If you haven't contributed, we hope that you will consider doing so. Your membership and donations are truly what helps keep us operating. To show our appreciation, we are raffling off six great prizes. Tickets may be purchased in person in our gallery. The drawing will be held Friday, December 12, 2025 at our member holiday party from 4 - 6 pm -- you are invited! It's a great opportunity to pause, socialize and appreciate local art. We will have refreshments and holiday music, and you can even do a little last minute shopping. We have some wonderful unique little gifts made by local artists that are sure to be appreciated and treasured –ornaments, pottery, jewelry and so much more. Also, we will be closing December 20th through the holidays to do a little renovation in our gallery. We are always working to make your local arts center something to be proud of and your experience better. Thank you for all your support. All of us at the arts center are wishing you and your family happy holidays.

Warmest wishes and much gratitude,
Ann Buchau



Enter our Raffle!

Raffle tickets \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6

Sold at the Arts Center during gallery hours

Great prizes: two pairs of general admission tickets (\$40) value to the Joe Crookston concert (with Mark Wahl opening) January 10 at the Oswego Music Hall, an artist fish print, an Emily Lex Watercolor Book and paint set, a one-year membership to the Salmon River Fine Arts Center, any one-day class at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center, and a Salmon River Fine Arts Center tote bag. The drawing will be held Friday, December 12, 4-6 pm, at our member holiday party. Names will be drawn randomly for each prize.

December 2025

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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

----- 2025 -----

Fall -Winter Member Show
Exhibition: through Jan 17, 2026

Handmade Ornament Sale
through Dec 20

Giving Tuesday: December 2
Become a member, renew your membership, donate

Light Up Pulaski -Visit the Arts Center: Sun, Dec. 7, 10 am-3 pm

Member Holiday Party
Friday, Dec 12, 4-6 pm

Gallery Closed for Construction: Dec 21 - Jan 2

----- 2026 -----

Special Exhibit TBD
Exhibition: Jan 29 - Feb 28

Oswego County Student Show
Exhibition: March 12 - April 4

6x6 Show 2026
Exhibition: April 16 - May 16

Annual Meeting
May 12

Sunday Artist Show
Exhibition: May 28 - June 27

Member Summer Show
Exhibition: June 4 - August 13

YAE Student Exhibition
Date TBD

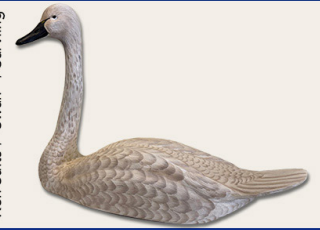
Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition: Aug 27-Oct 8

Exhibitions & Events

Member Fall - Winter Show

Exhibition:
through January 17, 2026

Ken Suits | "Swan" | Carving



Treat yourself to a visit to our gallery this month to see our Member Fall-Winter Show, a collection of fine artwork created by our talented Fine Arts Center Members. It will delight and inspire you. You might find that perfect new artwork to brighten your home, or someone else's.



Ornament Sale through December 20

Come shop with us for outstanding homemade ornaments made by our creative members. Ornaments make great gifts for teachers and friends, lovely decorations for holiday packages, and great ways to add holiday cheer to your home. Come in to see our beautiful display of handmade ornaments and support our local artists.

Announcements

SMALL TOWN BIG HEART

Membership and fundraising campaign

Giving Tuesday December 2

(Global day of community-based acts of kindness)

Please help us reach our goal to increase memberships, donations and volunteers and spread joy and creativity to every corner of our community! [Memberships](#). [Donations](#).

Light Up Pulaski

Stop in and visit us
Sunday, Dec 7, 10 am - 3 pm!



Light Up Pulaski. Stop by and visit us Sunday, December 7, 10 am - 3 pm. Bring the family. Enjoy coffee, hot cocoa; make and take an ornament; shop for gifts.

Shows and Events

----- 2026 -----

Member Fall-Winter Show
Exhibition: Oct 22 - Jan 16, 2027

Light Up Pulaski:
Mugs and Makers
December 6

Art Opportunities at the Arts Center

FREE Senior Classes
at Springbrook
Sign up on sign-up sheet
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
2-3:30 pm

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

2-D Open Studio
FREE for Members (16+)
Fridays 1-4 pm
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6-8:30 pm
Volunteer artist available
No sign up; just come
Bring artwork & supplies

Pottery Open Studio
Tuesdays, 6-8:30 pm
Fridays, 1-4 pm
Members \$5; Non-members \$10
Purchase clay; use our tools
Must have taken class with us
within past year.

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

salmonriverfineartscenter.com

Announcements



Member Holiday Party

Friday, December 12, 4-6 pm

We're having a member holiday party Friday, December 12, 4-6 pm!
We know it's a busy time of year, but we hope you can take a few minutes to stop by and socialize and enjoy the holiday vibe at the Arts Center. We will have complimentary refreshments and music. And we will also be drawing our prize winners for the raffle. All members and volunteers are invited. Bring the family!



We are closing the gallery for renovations!
We will close after 2 pm, Saturday, December 20.
We plan to reopen by or possibly before January 2.

However, you can still come in for open studio!

Would you like to help? We need help moving (very carefully) the current exhibits, then returning them to their original places. And, of course, if you have painting/construction skills, they would be very welcome. Contact us for more information.



Garden Club Creates at the Arts Center

The local Garden Club got together at the arts center to create holiday garden art spearheaded by Dyan Melnik, Kate Walsh and several other members of the SRFAC. We appreciate their support of the Salmon River Fine Arts Center and love sharing this creative space to make art with members involved with other local organizations.

December Adult Art Classes & Art Opportunities

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.



Alcohol Ink Christmas Balls

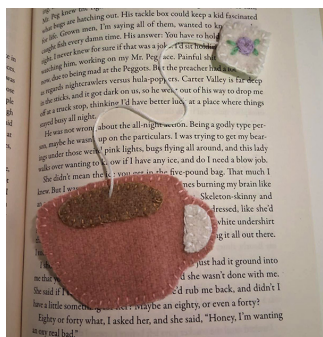
Instructor: Robin Eaton Novak

Saturday, December 6, 1:00–3:30 pm

Fee: \$25 (25% off for members \$18.75)*

Get into the holiday spirit with this fun and colorful workshop. Participants will create two beautiful Christmas ornaments by layering vibrant alcohol inks on white glass ornaments. These one-of-a-kind creations make perfect keepsakes or heartfelt gifts for the season. Each student will receive two 4-inch white glass ornaments and two matching gift boxes, ready for wrapping and gifting! Robin will guide you through the process of blending and layering inks to achieve dazzling, marbled effects that shimmer and shine. No experience necessary. All materials supplied.

[Sign up on Square.](#)



Felt Bookmark Stitching Class

Instructor: Charlotte Besaw of Handycandy Mittens

Wednesday, December 10, 5-7 pm

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

In this hands-on class students will explore the basics of hand-sewing, simple stitching, and beginner embroidery while crafting their own cozy felt bookmarks. Each student will have the opportunity to create two unique bookmark styles: 1) Teacup Placement Bookmark – a charming felt teacup design that includes a real tea bag tucked inside to take home and enjoy. 2) Corner Bookmark – a fun, functional style that fits neatly over the corner of your page. Perfect for beginners and seasoned crafters alike. All materials are included. [Sign up on Square.](#)



Ornament Hand Lettering Class

Instructor: Ashley Gifford

Saturday, December 13, 10 - noon

Cost: \$15

In this class, you'll learn the beautiful art of hand lettering and create your own holiday ornaments. You will learn the difference between hand lettering and traditional calligraphy; how to use simple tools to create decorative letterforms; tips for spacing, style, and composition; and ways to personalize ornaments with names, quotes, or festive phrases. Each participant will take home several one-of-a-kind ornaments, which make wonderful keepsakes or heartfelt gifts. No experience necessary; all materials are provided! Sorry! Class is full.

Adult Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued



Holiday Horse Acrylic Painting

Instructor: Brooke Snyder

Sunday, December 14, Noon - 2:30 pm

Fee: \$30.00 (25% off for members \$22.50)

In this class you will learn to paint a horse with a nice fluffy mane. You will start by tracing your reference photo and then you will apply acrylic paint in thin layers to bring your painting to life. You will learn many different techniques for painting with acrylics, including using different brushstrokes, blending, layering and more. You will also get to experiment with adding other elements to your painting with separate reference photos. This is a very important skill to learn so that you can always make the painting you want without needing the perfect reference photo. For beginners and up. All materials will be supplied. [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

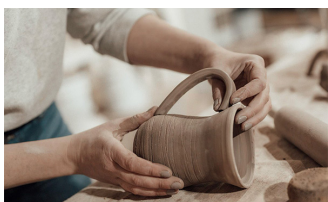
1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 6-8:30 pm, with Cheyenne Hier

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



Special Themed Watercolor Session -- Tuesday, December 2

Ann Buchau will be joining Cheyenne at open studio Tuesday, December 2, 6-8:30 pm, exploring holiday themed card designs. Ann will provide watercolor templates that she created for you to explore and paint, inspired by Emily Lex watercolor books. Studio watercolor paints and brushes will be available for you to use! Free to members! It's our act of kindness for Giving Tuesday! Don't miss this fun opportunity!



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 Winter Art Club 2025-2026

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

Middle/High School ART Program (ages 10- 16) Thursdays 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: 6-8 (first come; first served) | Sign up at the Arts Center or on our [Square Site](#).

December Session: Luminaries and Ceramic Ornaments

Elementary (Ages 5-10)
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Dec. 9, 11, 16, 18
Sold Out

Middle-High School (Ages 10-16)
Mondays and Wednesdays
Dec. 8, 10, 15, 17
Sold Out

Light Up the Season with Your Own Handmade Magic!

In this 4-session Youth Art Club class, students will create festive ceramic holiday luminaries and ornaments from start to finish. Young artists will learn basic clay hand-building, shaping, carving, and surface design techniques as they build and personalize multiple ornaments and 1–2 small luminaries. During the final sessions, students will glaze their work to perfection, preparing their pieces to be professionally kiln-fired for a glossy finish. This is a fun, creative way to get into the spirit of the season while learning real ceramic skills — and students will leave with handmade holiday decor they can proudly display or gift!

Instructors: Ann Buchau (elementary) and Joan Mullen (middle - high school).



Get to Know Our Volunteers - Karen Wheeler



As a creative person, my daily surroundings are my pallet. My love of art began as a young girl in Syracuse, NY, where I started making pencil drawings of my neighborhood and the household items in my parents home. In the 1970s, I moved to Pulaski, married, and raised two boys. In the 1980s I became a member of the Tug Hill Arts and Crafts Guild where I was making oil paintings of landscapes and a few portraits for local people, as well as taking private oil painting lessons and exhibiting in “Art in the Park” in Pulaski. During this time, I branched out to all aspects of arts and crafts, taking classes in watercolor, jewelry, quilling, mosaics, raku, wood burning and photography. For the last 20 years, my passion has been decorative tole painting, mostly on wood. For the last five years I have been a member of the SRFAC, served as Secretary of the Board, and currently work as a volunteer gallery host. I also serve as the coordinator and instructor for our Springbrook Senior Living Arts and Crafts Wednesdays.

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 Need YOU!

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

"Great art picks up where nature ends." — Marc Chagall

Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center

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