



**SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER**

*Your community art center since 1994.*

# Newsletter

## President's Message

Dear art loving friends,

I am so looking forward to the love February promises! January has been quite a month navigating through sub zero weather, record high snow, unexpected gallery repairs, as well as planned renovations. When members of the gallery committee dreamed about making a few gallery renovations over the holidays, they had no idea how a disastrous leak could end up helping their dream come true! We are grateful to our new landlord, Vince Lobdell, for his generous heart and taking pride in our gallery to fund a beautiful new ceiling and floor where the water leaks left irreparable damage. We had already been working on painting walls, remodeling the check out area and installing a new professional hanging system (no more fishing line knots! ) — but working around contractors and weather problems, everything was delayed. The tasks to repair and renovate were overwhelming and much more complicated than we expected, but we sent out an email request to our volunteer list for help. The challenge was finding handy and experienced volunteers to assist in helping build out walls, install cabinets, assemble shelving, and install slat walls in our member gallery. Gratefully, Bill King, Jan Van der Heide, Tom Lambert, Howard Preston and Kathy Alderice stepped up to help. We are also grateful to many other volunteers that are helping to clean, clear, organize or paint and just make sure our organization is still functioning smoothly. If you aren't on our volunteer list but want to join in the fun to help beautify our gallery, let me know. It takes a team to make the dream! As of this writing, we are still making a final push to get the gallery open. We have adjusted the exhibit schedule and have been able to still hold some classes in our pottery studio. We're excited to re-open with a special three-week exhibition celebrating the incredible volunteers who made it all happen! This show, aptly titled 'Heart of the Gallery'—features original works by the volunteers who play a vital role in our organization. While not all of our volunteers are artists, everyone who helped us this past month will be recognized. We are so grateful to our volunteers for giving their time and talent to help create a beautiful gallery the community can be proud of and we all can enjoy. We hope you will join us at the reopening reception Friday, February 13th to support the arts center and our dedicated volunteers. What better way to kick off Valentine's day weekend than to celebrate our newly transformed space and show a little love for your community.

Love, light and gratitude,  
Ann

**February 2026**

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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  
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**Heart of the Gallery Exhibition**  
February 12 - March 7

**Oswego County Student Show**  
Exhibition: March 12 - April 4

**6x6 Community Art Show  
& FUNdraiser**  
Exhibition: April 16 - May 16

**Annual Member Meeting**  
May 12

**Fiber & Fire Exhibition**  
May 28-June 27

**YAE Student Exhibition**  
Date TBD

**Sunday Artist Show**  
July 9 - August 13

**Hooked on the Salmon River**  
Juried Exhibit: Aug 27-Oct 10

**Member Fall Winter Show**  
October 22-January 16

**Light Up Pulaski  
Mugs & Makers**  
December 6

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

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

## Thank YOU Volunteers



Thank you to our volunteers for their hard work with gallery renovations: Heather Hennigan, Judy Van Wie, Harvey Van Wie, Jan Van der Heide, Bill King, Dyan Melnik, Barb Hartman, Tom Lambert, Ann Buchau, Rochelle Peabody, Kathy Alderice, Joan Mullen, Howard Preston, Jill Eccleston, Karen Wheeler.

And thank you to the volunteers who work hard behind the scenes to help us continue to keep the arts center functioning: Nancy Warner, Anna Blachman, Paula Yerdon, Joanne Henry, Margie Ledden, Brooke Morse, Mary Price, Micheal Field, Cheyene Hier, Eva Martyniuk.

## Our Reopening Exhibition



**Heart of the Gallery Art Exhibition**  
Exhibition: February 12 - March 7  
Opening Reception: Friday, February 13, 5-7 pm

Join us as we celebrate our grand reopening by filling our beautiful new space with the vibrant art of the volunteers who made it possible—  
they are the heart of the gallery.

## February Adult & Teen 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.



### Two Halves, One Heart: A Valentine's Couples Art Night

Instructor: Brooke Morse

Friday, February 13, 6:30-8 pm

Ages: Adult/Teen (14+)

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

Fees are for the couple. \$35 for the two.

Spend your Friday night creating side-by-side in this relaxed, hands-on Valentine's-themed art experience designed for couples, friends, or creative partners. This collaborative class invites pairs to work together on a shared artwork while exploring a variety of drawing and mixed-media materials — no experience necessary and mocktails provided.



After choosing their own subject matter, each partner will begin their own portion of the artwork before blending the two halves together, creating a unified piece that reflects both individual styles and a shared connection. We will offer guided prompts and gentle structure, but this is very much a choose-your-own-adventure style class. Perfect as a Valentine's date night, a creative night out with a friend, or a meaningful way to slow down and make something together. All materials will be supplied. [Sign up on Square](#).



### Five-Week Beginner Wheel Throwing

Instructor: Ann Buchau

Wednesdays - February 18 & 25, March 4, 11 & 18

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Fee: \$93.75 per class members/ \$125 non members\*

Location: 3-D Studio, Salmon River Fine Arts Center

Learn how to throw basic forms using the potter's wheel. Your instructor will guide you step by step as you learn how to wedge, center and create simple vessels. You will also learn trimming techniques and how to successfully glaze your pots. Students enrolled in this class will also have the option to come in during a designated time on Tuesdays (6-8:30 pm) or Friday (1-4 pm) to practice and work on their pieces. (Although there will be a monitor, there is no instructor for the open studio.) Total class time is 12.5 hours with the option of an additional 20 hours of open studio time during the class session. [Sign up on Square](#).



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## Adult Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued

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### Plein Air Painting Workshop

Instructor: Kimberly Rossiter

Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22, 1:00-4:30 pm

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

This workshop is an introductory en plein air methods course, not a class on how to paint from the beginning. Participants should have prior experience with the medium of their choice (oil, acrylic, watercolor, or pastel). While beginners are welcome, this workshop will not cover foundational painting skills such as color mixing, brush handling, or drawing basics. The goal is for students to complete a small 5" x 7" piece of artwork painted en plein air, rather than a fully finished studio piece.

The workshop is a two-day experience. Day 1 focuses on preparation and knowledge-building, including equipment, setup, scouting locations, safety in the field, and an overview of plein air practices. Day 2 focuses on hands-on application, with students setting up their equipment and completing a study using the *alla prima* (wet-on-wet) painting method. For focused learning and consistency, the study will be completed indoors in a studio setting. [Sign up on Square..](#)

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### 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!**

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

**POSTPONED UNTIL MID JANUARY**

After mid January:

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.

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### 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 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](#).

### February Session: *Chihuly Inspired — Community Admired*

Elementary Class (ages 5-10)

Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 | 3:30-5 pm

Sorry! Class sold out.

Middle -High School Class (10+)

Thursdays, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 | 3:30-5:30 pm

[Sign up on Square](#).

In February, we will continue our glass art journey by creating a collaborative Dale Chihuly-inspired recycled “glass” installation that will be temporarily installed in a public space for the community to enjoy. Dale Chihuly is known worldwide for his large-scale, vibrant glass sculptures and colorful suspended installations that transform spaces and celebrate movement, light, and teamwork in the making of art. In this 4-session experience, students will work together to design, build, and assemble a large community art piece using recycled materials to mimic the look and energy of blown glass. This project emphasizes collaboration, creative problem-solving, and the power of public art — giving students the chance to not only create something beautiful, but also to share it with the community in a meaningful, impactful way.

Instructors: Joan Mullen and Brooke Morse



### 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. We especially need help putting the Arts Center back in order and getting ready for our reopening.

Contact us for information.

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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...**  
*“Art is the lie that tells the truth.” — Pablo Picasso*

*Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center*

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## Board of Directors

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