



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

# Newsletter

## President's Message

Happy New Year, friends,

A new year always brings a promise of a new start and hope for a better, brighter year. That was the first line of my new year's message that I had written, but after a call about a major water leak from the apartment above the gallery, I find myself rewriting my message a bit. I was excited to share that the arts center was off to a good start to a New Year, thanks to your generosity and a team of hard working volunteers. In case you didn't know, the arts center closed over the holidays for gallery renovations. Heather Hennigan and Judy Van Wei took the lead on the gallery renovation project to contract and recruit volunteers to help freshen up the gallery and make it an even more inviting and engaging space to visit. The walls were patched and painted and an updated member gallery and check-out area was in the works. Luckily, in the process, the show art was taken down and covered with plastic so when the water poured into the gallery though the ceiling little art was damaged. As I write this, the new landlord's team is in the gallery cleaning up water logged debris and assessing the damage of the gallery lighting, ceiling and floor. Although we planned on reopening the newly renovated gallery on January 8th, we may need to make adjustments to the timeline. We will be posting updates on our website and Facebook page. The good news is the pottery studio was not affected much, so pottery classes and open studio will stay as scheduled, and if need be, we may relocate some of our upcoming 2-d classes. We are truly grateful for the dedicated volunteers who came out in between the holidays to work on these improvements (see our volunteer section for highlights). We are especially grateful for the great job they did of covering the art with plastic –that proved to be of vital importance. So I am still hopeful for the new year and looking forward to a renovated space that will be more enjoyable to visit, shop and get inspired. We are grateful for your support and willingness to help. We truly hope you become more involved in the arts center this year!

# Happy New Year!

January 2026

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

### New Email Address

[info@srfac.org](mailto:info@srfac.org)

### 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 -----2026-----

Gallery closed for construction. Check website for opening date.

Fall -Winter Member Show  
Check website for open date. Center closed for construction.  
Exhibition: through Jan 17

Three-Artist Exhibition:  
Fiber & Fire  
January 29 - February 28  
Opening Reception: Jan 30, 5-7p

Oswego County Student Show  
Exhibition: March 12 - April 4

6x6 Show 2026  
Exhibition: April 16 - May 16

Annual Meeting  
May 12

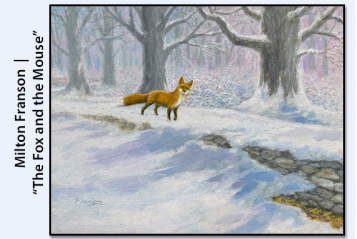
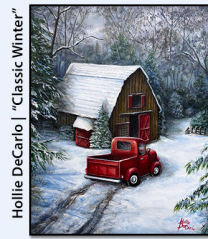
Sunday Artist Show  
Exhibition: May 28 - June 27

Member Summer Show  
Exhibition: July 9 - August 13

YAE Student Exhibition  
Date TBD

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

## Exhibitions & Events



Check our website to see when our Member Fall-Winter Show, a collection of fine artwork created by our talented Fine Arts Center Members, will be back on display.

## Fiber & FIRE



Special Show: Fiber & Fire: A Three-Artist Exhibition  
January 29 - February 28

Opening Reception: Friday, January 30, 5-7 pm

To brighten your winter please come to our spectacular curated exhibition of contemporary fine craft, featuring the evocative fiber works of Alison Altafi and Tina Limpert alongside the bold, fire-forged ceramic artistry of Rachel Consolazio. And please be sure to come to our opening reception for this exhibition on Friday, January 30, 5-7 pm, to meet the artists and discuss their work.



## Shows and Events

**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+)**  
**POSTPONED UNTIL MID**  
**JANUARY. WHEN OPEN:**  
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

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

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

## Our News



Due to unfortunate circumstances, our opening is postponed. Be sure to come in to see the new us when we are back up and running! The walls look good, though.



Our holiday party was a great success! Thank you to those who were able to celebrate the holiday season with us by coming to our party and sharing some holiday cheer. Special thanks to Renee Powlin for the gift of music!

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## Our News

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In December we helped members of the Ricard Grange in Altmar create Christmas decorations to keep or gift. We do several outreach programs a year, providing art adventures to the wider community.

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### January Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities

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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.



#### Five-Week Beginner Wheel Throwing

Instructor: Ann Buchau

Dates: Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 28 | Feb 4, Feb 11

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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

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. All tools and materials are provided. [Sign up on Square](#).



#### Alcohol Inks on Ceramic Light Switch Tiles

Instructor: Robin Eaton-Novak

Saturday, January 10, 9:30 am – 12 pm

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

In this class, you'll transform an ordinary ceramic light switch cover into a functional piece of art using vibrant alcohol inks. Robin 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 be making 2 light switch covers each. No prior experience necessary. All materials will be supplied. [Sign up on Square](#).



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## Adult Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued

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### Needle-Felting Landscape

**Instructor: Brooke Morse**

**Sunday, January 11, 10-noon**

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

Unwind and create something beautiful in this relaxing two-hour needlefelting landscape workshop with artist and instructor Brooke Morse. In this beginner-friendly class, you'll start with a felt background and learn how to punch colored wool into the felt using special felting needles to build soft, layered textures. Brooke will walk you through techniques for blending fibers, creating horizon lines, and adding simple landscape details like trees, hills, and sky gradients. No experience is needed. You'll leave with your own wool-painted mini landscape framed to take home and display. All materials are provided. [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+)

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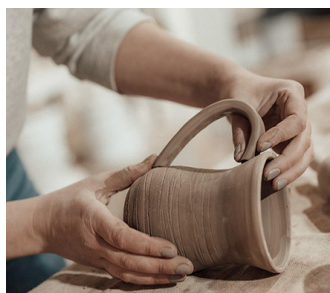
**After mid January:**

**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.

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## Robert S. Shineman Foundation YAE Afterschool Winter Art Club 2026

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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!

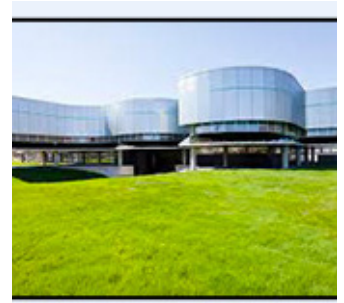
Class Limit: 6-8 (first come; first served) | Sign up at the Arts Center or on our [Square Site](#).

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### January Session:

Combined Field Trip to Corning Museum of Glass  
Saturday, January 10, 8 am - 6:30 pm

Glass Education Classes  
Late January at the Arts Center (see dates below)



Join us on Saturday, January 10th for a full-day field trip to the Corning Museum of Glass! We will depart at 8:00 AM and return at approximately 6:30 PM. Note: Group transportation will be provided by bus from and to the art center. During our visit, students will participate in a hands-on glass blowing workshop taught by professional instructors at the museum, enjoy a guided tour through the world-renowned exhibits, and also have time to explore the galleries individually. Students may bring a packed lunch or purchase lunch at the museum café.

In addition, during our final week of this session, students will continue their glass education back at the Art Center with a glass slumping experience taught by glass artist Heather Hennigan. This will allow students to expand their understanding of how hot glass and cold glass work — from blowing to shaping — creating a truly full-circle glass art experience.

Elementary Class (ages 5-10)  
Tuesday, January 27  
[Sorry! Sold Out!](#)

Middle -High School Class (10+)  
Thursday, January 29  
[Sign up on Square](#)

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## Thank YOU Volunteers

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So many thanks to our volunteers who are helping to renovate our arts center: Ann Buchau, Jill Eccleston, Bill King, Tom Lambert, Heather Hennigan, Ewa Martyniuk, Dyan Melnik, Mary & David Price, Kim Ryder, Jan van der Heide, Judy & Harvey Van Wie.

A special nod to Bill King and Jan van der Heide for their teamwork. Bill is not only a talented artist but also a carpenter who is generously sharing his time and talents to improve our gallery. Bill and Jan van der Heide, another dedicated volunteer and handy person, have teamed up to help make our dreams of gallery cabinets and slat walls in the member gallery possible. “Teamwork makes the dream work!”

We’d love to have you join our team and share your talents, whatever they may be.

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## Be a Volunteer

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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.

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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.



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**And finally we leave you with this...**

*"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been." —Rainer Maria Rilke*

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*Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center*

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## Board of Directors

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