



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

# Newsletter

## Board of Directors 2026-2027



Absent from photo: Kate Walsh

At our annual Member Meeting in May we announced the 2026-2027 Board of Directors for a 3-year renewable board term. The new officers are president, Judy Van Wie; vice president, Rochelle Peabody; treasurer, Anna Blachman; and secretary, Rochelle Peabody (interim). The current directors are Tom Lambert, Dyan Melnik, Joan Mullen, Pat Tanner and Kate Walsh. The advisory board members are Ann Buchau, Shawn Doyle and Marjorie Ledden.



## June 2026

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### SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

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Pulaski, NY 13142

### Phone

315-298-7007

### Web

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

### New Email Address

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

### Gallery Hours

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!

**Fiber & Fire Special Show**  
**Exhibition:** May 28 - June 27

**Sunday Artist Show**  
**Drop off artwork:** July 9-11  
**Exhibition:** July 16 - August 16

**Hooked on the Salmon River**  
**Juried Exhibit**  
**Application Deadline:** August 9  
**Exhibition:** Aug 2 - Oct 10

**Member Fall Winter Show**  
**Drop off art:** October 17-19  
**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](http://salmonriverfineartscenter.com)

## Exhibitions & Events



If you didn't make it out for the opening of "Fiber and Fire" exhibit, grab a friend and come in and explore this impressive display of contemporary fine craft, featuring the evocative fiber works of Alison Altafi and Tina Limpert alongside the bold, fire-forged ceramic artistry and paintings of Rachel Consolazio. It was wonderful to be able to talk to the artists and understand more about their techniques and the messages they are trying to convey. Since Rachel was unable to make the opening we are working on arranging a time for her to come in at the end of the show so you can meet and talk with her about her process and artistry. [Check out these artists' bios and artist statements on our website.](#)



Images from our Opening Reception for the Fiber & Fire Show. Many thanks to our featured artists and the guests who came.

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## Exhibition & Events Continued

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# *Sunday Artist Show & Competition Call for Entries!*

**Drop Off Artwork: July 9, 10 & 11**

**Exhibition: July 16 - August 16**

*"Surveying the Land"*  
by Brooke Snyder



Call for Entries! Coming in July, our popular Sunday Artists Show, featuring original artwork of amateurs, emerging artists, and semi-professional artists. There will be awards for all three levels of artists! You do not need to be a member of the Fine Arts Center to enter. [Check our website for show details.](#)

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**Be sure to mark your calendar for these  
other upcoming show deadlines.**

### **Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition**

Exhibition: 08-27-26 thru 10-10-26

Application deadline: 8-9-26

### **Member Fall-Winter Show**

Exhibition: 10-22-26 thru 1-16-27

Drop off art: Thurs - Sat: 10-15 thru 10-17

### **Special Exhibit 2027**

Exhibition: 1-28-27 thru 3-06-27

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**Special Exhibit 2027  
now accepting proposals!**

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](mailto:ann.buchau@srfac.org).

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## June Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities

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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.

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### Intermediate Pottery: Forms & Finishing Techniques

4-Week Pottery Series

Instructor: Antonia Cantu

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25 | 5-7 pm

Intermediate Level | Adult/Teen (13+)

Fee: \$60 members / \$75 non-members

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. It is a hands-on pottery experience focused on functional forms and finishing details. It encourages experimentation, craftsmanship and creative growth, while helping students to strengthen both technical skills and artistic voice. Perfect for intermediate potters looking to build confidence and elevate their ceramic work in a supportive studio environment. Students can also go to open pottery studio for an additional 20 hours to enhance their skills. All tools and materials provided. [Sign up on Square](#).

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### Teen Pottery Wheel Class with Toni Cantu

Instructor: Antonia Cantu

Saturdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Ages: Teen (13+)

Skill Level: Beginner / Introductory

Fee:

Full 4-week series: \$52 members / \$65 non-members

Any 2 classes: \$32 members / \$40 non-members

Teens, get your hands on the pottery wheel and learn the exciting process of wheel throwing with ceramic artist Toni Cantu! This 4-week teen pottery class is designed for ages 13+ and introduces students to the fundamentals of creating pottery on the wheel in a fun and encouraging studio environment. Students will learn essential wheel throwing techniques including centering clay, pulling walls, shaping forms, trimming, and glazing their finished work. Throughout the class, participants will create functional ceramic pieces such as bowls, cups, and small vessels while building confidence and creativity through clay. All tools and materials provided.

[Sign up on Square](#).

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## June Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued

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**Walter Sheehey  
Photographer**

**So You Got a Fancy Camera. Now What?**

**Photography Basics with Photographer Walter Sheehey**

**Instructor: Walter Sheehey**

**Two Saturdays, June 13 & 20 | 10:00 am - Noon**

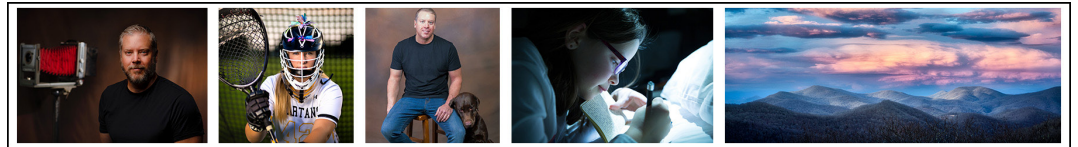
**Ages: Adult / Teen**

**Skill Level: Beginner / Introductory**

**Fee: \$32 members / \$40 non-members**

Have a camera but not quite sure how to use it? Whether you're shooting on an iPhone, DSLR, SLR, mirrorless camera, point-and-shoot, or really any camera you already own, this beginner-friendly photography class is designed to help you feel more confident behind the lens.

Join photographer Walter Sheehey for a two-part hands-on photography workshop where students will learn the foundations of taking stronger, more meaningful photographs while understanding how their camera actually works. Class 1 will focus on photography basics: understanding and using your own camera and taking strong photographs. Class 2 will focus on sharing and critiquing your photos and exploring photo editing techniques and computer editing programs. Bring your own camera; for the second class you are encouraged to bring your laptop or computer. [Sign up on Square.](#)



**Gelli Plate: Image Transfer**

**Instructor: Beth Sotherden**

**Sunday, June 21 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Ages: Adult**

**Fee: \$24 members / \$30 non-members**

Explore the creative possibilities of Gelli Plate printing and image transfer in this hands-on mixed media workshop. Students will learn how to use a Gelli Plate to create layered prints and transfer toner-based images from a color laser printer onto a variety of surfaces. From there, students will build on their transferred and printed images using painting, layering, texture, and finishing techniques to create expressive mixed media artwork. This process works best with toner-based pictures from a color laser printer. Images can be printed ahead of time, or copies may be made at a copy center. Some magazine images may also work, and students will have the opportunity to experiment and discover which types of images transfer most successfully. Bring some photos that you may want to experiment with. This class is perfect for artists, makers, and creative beginners who enjoy experimenting with printmaking, images, layers, paint, and process. All tools and materials are provided. No experience necessary. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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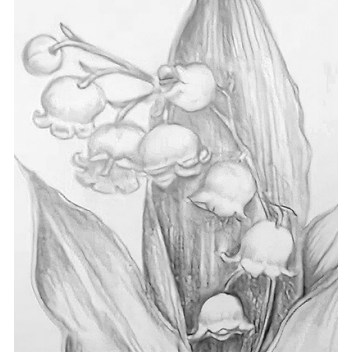
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**Free Drawing Class - Join Us Thursdays 6–8 pm.**

**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+)**

**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.

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**Pottery Open Studio**

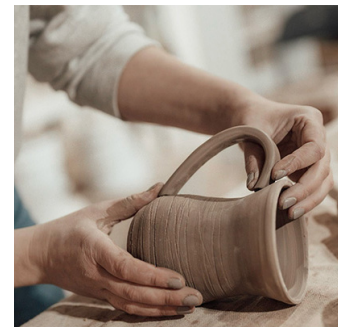
**Tuesday evenings, 6-8:30 pm, with Joan Mullen**

**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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Young students enjoying art classes in the after school YAE program at the Arts Center this spring.

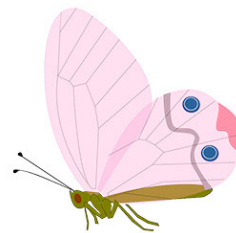
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## Elementary, Junior High & High School Summer Art Classes

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**ART  
CAMPS**



### **YAE Summer Art Camps** 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.*

**July & August**  
**Monday - Thursday, 9-11 am & 1-3 pm**  
**Salmon River Fine Arts Center**  
**Register Online**

**[New! Lottery pre-registration form! Click here.](#)**

**[Check out all classes on our website.](#)**

Because space is limited, we are using a lottery registration system to ensure fair access for all families. Complete the pre-registration form to enter your child for a camp. Registration does not guarantee a spot, but lets us know you're interested. If selected, you will receive an email by June 20th, with instructions on how to finalize your registration and submit payment. Those not selected will be placed on a waitlist. If you have multiple children, a separate form must be filled out for each child.

**Flexible Pricing:** We believe everyone should have the opportunity to explore art— choose what works best for you at checkout (\$5–\$40 for all four days). Free Scholarships available. No questions asked—just email or call the Art Center.

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## Thank YOU!

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### Getting Ready for Summer!

Our new greeters! Many thanks to Tracie Osier and North Street Nursery for the lovely flowers. We will all enjoy them on our way into the arts center.

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

*“Together we can create a more vibrant, creative and caring community!”*

— Salmon River Fine Arts Center Board of Directors

*Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center*

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## Board of Directors

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**Anna Blachman** – Treasurer  
**Rochelle Peabody** – Secretary (Interim)

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**Joan Mullen** – Director  
**Dyan Melnik** – Director  
**Patricia Tanner** – Director  
**Kate Walsh** – Director