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Your community art center since 1994.

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Last Chance to Purchase your 6 x 6 Art

It's the final week of the 6 x 6 show. Even though your favorite 6 x 6 may have already been purchased, there is still a lot of great art available. Please keep in mind this is a fundraiser so you are doing so much more than just buying art. All the money goes directly to support the art center so we can continue to offer classes and shows for the whole community to enjoy. These little 6 x 6's make great gifts too. This week is your last chance to come in or [purchase online](#).

When to Pick Up Your Treasures!

If you purchased 6 x 6 art to help support the art center and add a little joy to your life – we thank you! You can pick them up next week. If you donated art to the show and it didn't sell – you get to pick up your lovely work and take it home to enjoy!!

Dates and Time for Pick Up: Thursday and Friday, March 9 - 10 from noon - 6 pm or Saturday, March 11, 10 am - 2 pm

Frame it up! You might want to frame your 6 x 6 art in the new beautiful solid wood frames now available at the art center. These custom 6 x 6 frames are carefully handcrafted by member woodworker Tom Lambert and come in two styles: a floating frame perfect for wrapped canvases or a traditional frame for flat art that can be then backed and secured with picture points in the back. Keep in mind certain mediums such as pastel, watercolor, photography and graphite should be matted and protected with glass so you will need a bigger frame, such as a 10 x 10 inch. Glass should never press directly against your artwork, so in that case mats and a

larger frame is needed. We will have some mats and glass available for purchase to go with the frames too! If you need a custom frame Tom is also happy to take orders for custom frames. If you are unsure what you need, we will do our best to suggest recommendations or offer guidance.



New framing Tool available for members to use!

We now have a new Dual Point Driver to securely fasten your art in your frame by driving the picture points into the wood fame. It is easy to use and we are happy to offer it to any member to use in the art center studio during open gallery hours.





Fairy Dust, Rebecca Moshaty



Landscape, Barbara Golden



Sentinels, Joanne Henry

Paintings, Weavings and Wood

Featuring Nature Inspired Works by
Rebecca Moshaty, Barbara Golden and Joanne Henry

Exhibit: March 9 - April 8 | SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

It's hard to hold back our excitement for the next show: "Paintings, Weavings and Wood." This special art exhibition which opens March 9 features the work of three local artists who draw inspiration for their art from their love of nature. Mark your calendars and join us as we escape our busyness and step into the world as these artists see it. You are also invited to come meet the artists at the opening reception Friday, March 10th from 5 - 9 pm. Artist Rebecca Moshaty from Auburn, NY will display her colorful, multi-layered mixed media paintings. You may remember some of her work in prior member shows. Rebecca has shown her work at several central New York galleries, with recent solo shows at Rome Community Art Center and Epicuse in Syracuse. Fiber artist Barbara Golden from Hastings, NY weaves tapestry from a large loom that is the centerpiece of her home. Barbara has exhibited functional weavings and beautiful wall art tapestries in various local shows over the past 30 years. The third artist in the show is Joanne Henry from Oswego who is known for her imaginative driftwood sculptures that are assembled and arranged to evoke whatever creature or scene that her collected treasures inspire. Together this body of work is something you definitely won't want to miss.

Send us your Exhibit Ideas

We are now accepting proposals and ideas for the special exhibit for next March, 2024. This can be a featured solo show or a guest curated show bringing in a unique display of art.

Please [email](#) your ideas or thoughts.

Upcoming Classes at the Center



Your Instructor:

Craig Anderson is an award-winning watercolor artist whose work is represented by private and corporate collections nationwide. He is a Signature member of the San Diego Watercolor Society and the California Watercolor Association, and has served as a juror in a number of art exhibitions and is in demand for live demonstrations and workshops.

Watercolor Workshop New Format

We have changed the format of Craig Anderson's watercolor workshops and the feedback has been great! Craig has been teaching monthly watercolor classes, but instead of going over the same fundamentals and basics in every class, we offered a four week "foundations" class with Craig that covers all the basics like types of paints and paper, brushes, values, composition and specific fundamental techniques that Craig uses to make his colorful and fresh style of watercolor paintings. We are currently halfway through the first Foundations class and in April students from that class may continue to study under Craig and dive deeper. Craig will offer another Foundations 4-week class again in May for those who want to learn the watercolor basics and join in the fun. We'll be providing more details soon, but feel free to [email](#) us if you are interested to get on the waiting list for the next Foundations workshop. *This discounted class is funded by a generous donation from the John Ben Snow Foundation.*



Lee

Shelton, Your Instructor:

"Like many of you, I have been drawing my whole life, mostly animals, both naturalistic and caricatures. A few years ago (2017) I became interested in soft pastels; I love how loose, spontaneous, and colorful they can be. It's a lot different from the colored pencils I'd mostly been using! I've experimented with different papers and brands of pastels, taken online workshops, and painted a lot. Art is always a work in progress, and I'm delighted to show you what I've learned so far and guide you on how to get started with this delightful medium. I'm anxious to see what you know and will discover too!"

ANOTHER Pastel Class!

**We had so much fun in the last pastel class, Lee is coming back again!
Beginner Soft Pastel Painting**

Instructor: Lee Shelton

Date: Saturday, March 11

Time: 10 am - Noon

Whether you missed our last pastel class, or just want to come back to play with pastels again, you'll want to sign up for this fun class. Soft pastel is a wonderfully luminous, expressive medium. In this beginner workshop, you will explore a variety of pastel brands, papers, tools, and techniques. Your instructor will demonstrate different mark making techniques for you to try and experiment with before you begin your own small pastel painting. Bring a reference photo of what you would like to paint and

your instructor will provide tips and suggestions to create your painting.

Get ready for some fun painting!

For more details and to Register online go to [Salmon River Fine Arts Center Square Site](#).

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Brooke Snyder—About Me

"I am a local illustrator and have painted many custom portraits, both human and animal. I have a BFA in Illustration and I love to create art that tells a story. I like creating in many different mediums including graphite and charcoal, watercolors, pastels, oils, and digital, but acrylic is my favorite. Animals have always been my inspiration for making art, so if you are an animal lover then we already have a lot in common! Some other things that inspire me are books, anime, and other tv shows and movies (especially Dreamworks). I am so excited to teach this class and connect with everyone! I hope I'll see you there!"

Beginner Figure Drawing

Instructor: Brooke Snyder

Date: Saturday, March 18

Time: 2:15 - 4:15 pm

Ages: 15 and up

Maximum enrollment: 8

Fee: \$15 member/\$20 non-members

In this class, we will practice drawing the human figure primarily using charcoal, as well as other mark making tools – all supplies are provided. We will set up easels in the gallery (after the center closes to the public at 2 pm) and learn "gesture drawing." Starting with 5 minute gestural drawings per pose to warm up, we will then do some 10, 15, and 20-minute drawings in order to start capturing more detail. The instructor will give demonstrations and assist everyone as needed. Practicing figure drawing is a great way to become a better artist, no matter what your preferred medium or subject. All experience levels are welcome, ages 15 and up. Volunteers to pose for the class (clothed) are also requested, but if needed, members of the class may take turns posing for several minutes at a time. This will be a fun time for people to get to know one another as we practice drawing together.

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YAE Art Club



When I was eight, my parents enrolled me in a children's art program at the Everson Museum in Syracuse and it nurtured my lifelong love for art. I continued taking art classes in high school, as well as some elective classes in college including weaving, papermaking and ceramics. It wasn't until after raising a family and retiring after three decades from a big company that I slowly got re-involved in art with some classes at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center, including another pottery class, and I was hooked again! I view working with clay as highly therapeutic for the body and soul and I enjoy sharing ideas, trying new techniques, and working with other same-minded people. I especially love to work with children because they are so open to trying new things, and unhampered by the fear of failing. I love the idea of instilling the same joy that I experienced when I was young with your child.

March sessions for YAE Art Club are sold out However.....We have added another opportunity for our Young Artist Experience (grades 3-5) on Thursday Afternoons for March! (April Classes will be posted soon. Please check our website.)

New! Thursday YAE Class!

Students have been hearing about how much fun the older kids are having making fairy houses, and they want to join the fun! Instructor Joan Mullen will be teaching another class that starts next week, March 9. Space is limited to 6 students and it is first come first served.

Clay Fairy Houses (grades 3 - 5)

Instructor: Joan Mullen

When: Thursday afternoons

4 week session: – March 9, March 16, March 23 , March 30

Time: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm*

Class Limit: 6 (first come; first served)*

*Option for after school bus drop off from Pulaski (School will need a note from parents for each day)

In this class you will explore different styles of fairy houses and learn several techniques to add texture and shape to your house. Depending on your vision for the finished fairy house you can create elements such as windows, doors, flowers, vines, mushrooms, and more with the assistance of press molds. After a bisque firing, you will be able to paint your fairy house using a variety of colorful underglazes. Once your fairy house is fired, you can even add fairy lights or other decorative embellishments. Finished sizes will be approximately 6" to 8" tall. Shown is just one example done by one of our artists, but there are so many more possibilities. For this class, your imagination holds the key to an amazing little fairy home. Be sure you are ready to rent it out because the fairies will line up to move in!

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Free Drawing Class:

Thursdays at 6 pm. – Virtual or in person! Anyone can learn how to draw! If you can write your name, you can learn how to draw. Your instructor will guide you step by step. Whether you are a novice or love to draw, you are invited to join us each week for a free drawing class. Send us your email and we will add you to the list to receive a weekly email invitation with a link to join virtually. You can join via zoom from the comfort of your own home or come to the arts center to draw and use our supplies and follow along. All ages welcome!

This class is offered free for our members as well as anyone in our local community on Thursday evenings and is generously sponsored by Drs. Pat and Jay Chapman as well as many of our members and participants. – Thank you!



Free Chair Yoga (1st Sunday of the Month)

Join us March 5 – **This Sunday!**

Time: 11:30 - 12:30

Stretch the body and mind with FREE chair yoga! We are setting up chairs in the gallery for you to participate in chair yoga where you can be inspired by the art that surrounds you while you move. Join us as Ann Buchau, a certified yoga instructor, guides you through a gentle yoga flow with the assistance and support of a chair—making yoga accessible to all bodies and levels! If you can breathe you can do yoga! No other props needed. Wear comfortable clothing.

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Attention Students:

Start Creating your Art!!

Students, grades 7 - 12 living in Oswego County may be rewarded with cash prizes for their talent and skills in this upcoming juried exhibition.

The 27th Annual Oswego County Student Art Show & Competition.

Exhibit Dates: 4/27 - 5/20/23

Art Due: 4/13 - 4/15/23



SnowLeopard, Abigail, Sandy Creek

We are proud to be the host of this exciting show that celebrates the talent of students in our area. We invite the nine school districts, as well as homeschool and independent students in grades 7 - 12 to submit their original art to the show. You can find the [details and entry forms](#) on our website. This year the plan is to give out over \$1,500 in cash prizes in at least six different categories: drawing, painting, Ceramic/sculpture, Printmaking/mixed media, photography and digital design as well as a \$100 best of show. We are grateful that **Deaton's Ace and Agway** of Pulaski will continue to be a major sponsor for this show. We are still looking to other local businesses throughout the county to help us make this show extra special for the students. It's a wonderful way to boost a student's confidence and nurture lifelong skills. If you are interested in sponsoring or know someone who might want to be a sponsor, please let us know.

Open Studio – *Come in, create and congregate!!*

We want to encourage creativity, so we are opening our studios up for members and students who want to work on their art projects in a bright, friendly atmosphere.

OPEN Studio: Members may come on Thursday afternoons to work independently on their art in our classroom.

OPEN Pottery Studio: Tuesday evenings 6 - 8 pm Free to those currently enrolled in a class and want to continue practicing their skills. Past students may also attend with a "pay what you can" donation of \$1-\$5 for members and \$6-\$10 for non-members and must have taken a prior pottery class from the Salmon River Fine Arts Center within the last year. This donation helps cover the cost of utilities and other associated expenses to enable us to continue to offer open studio to everyone. Clay may be purchased for a nominal fee that includes glazing and firing. (no outside clay or glazes please.)

And finally we leave you with this...

“You can’t use up creativity. The more you use,
the more you have.” -[Maya Angelou](#)

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