



## President's Message

Dear friends,

It has been an incredible privilege to serve as the Board President for the past seven years. Serving this community and watching our organization grow has been one of the great privileges of my life, allowing me to build lasting connections and friendships that truly fill my heart with joy. I am deeply grateful for the volunteers and board members who worked alongside me to develop creative processes and programs, bringing art to every segment of our community—from youth to seniors, and novices to professional artists. Together, we have accomplished so much! There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the smiles of students leaving a class, proudly carrying their creations, having developed new skills and friendships within this caring art-loving community.

I have absolute confidence that the future of the Salmon River Fine Arts Center is in good hands. I am delighted to announce that the board has elected Judy Van Wie as our new Board President and Rochelle Peabody as Vice President. In addition we also welcome back Anna Blachman as treasurer, and Dyan Melnik and Kate Walsh to the board. This leadership transition will take effect at our annual member meeting and appreciation dinner on May 12th—all members are invited! (Details below.)

Rest assured, although my role is changing you will still see me around the arts center as an active volunteer and instructor. I hope to spend more time creating art in my home studio, but I am still committed to help support the mission of the Salmon River Fine Arts Center. I'm excited to see where this next chapter takes us.

With deep gratitude,  
Ann

May 2026

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### SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

4848 N Jefferson St  
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-----

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

**Annual Member Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 12, 5 pm

**Fiber & Fire Special Show**  
Exhibition: May 28-June 27  
Opening Reception:  
Friday, May 29, 5-7 pm

**YAE Student Exhibition**  
Date TBD

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

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

**Member Fall Winter Show**  
Exhibition: Oct 22-Jan 16

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

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

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

Exhibitions & Events



*6x6 Community Show & FUNdraiser*  
through May 16, Gallery Hours

Our community submitted over 150 awesome entries in many genres, all packed into 6 x 6-inch squares. All art is hung anonymously and sold for only \$15 each to benefit the community's Arts Center. Come to see the show and buy some art, or [view and purchase art online](#) on our Square site. All art will remain at the Arts Center until the show closes, then can be picked up May 21-23 at the Arts Center, gallery hours.

*Fiber & FIRE*  
THREE-ARTIST EXHIBITION  
MAY 28 - JUNE 27, 2026  
OPENING RECEPTION: FRIDAY, MAY 29, 5- 7 PM

ALISON ALTAFI      RACHEL CONSOLAZIO      TINA LIMPERT

SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER • 4848 N JEFFERSON ST. PULASKI, NY

Join us for a 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. Experience a striking juxtaposition of materials and style, where ancient techniques are reimagined for the modern eye.

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## Exhibition & Events Continued

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# Annual Member Meeting

## Tuesday, May 12, 5 pm

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All current members are invited to come to the annual member meeting in person or via zoom to help the arts center plan for an even more successful future and review how we did last year. If you did receive an invite, you can RSVP by emailing us at [info@srfac.org](mailto:info@srfac.org). If you did not receive an invite, it may be that your membership has lapsed or expired. [You can join or renew membership online](#) or call or stop in at the arts center to get your name on the list. Your input is always valued.

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## 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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### Ceramic Garden Totem with Marybeth Sorendo

Instructor: Marybeth Sorendo

Saturdays, May 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Fee: \$75 members | \$100 non members

Create a one-of-a-kind statement piece for your garden! In this 4-week ceramics class, students will design and build a decorative ceramic garden totem using a combination of wheel throwing and handbuilding techniques. Whether you're interested in stacking sculptural forms, experimenting with texture, or creating functional outdoor art, this class offers the guidance and flexibility to bring your vision to life.

Students enrolled in this class can also come to pottery open studio during a designated time on Tuesdays (6-8 pm) or Fridays (1-4 pm) to practice and work on their pieces. All tools and materials are provided. [Sign up on Square](#).

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## Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued

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### Needle-Felting Landscape

Instructor: Brooke Morse

Saturday, May 30, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Fees: \$26.25 members | \$35 non-members

Unwind and create something beautiful in this relaxing two-hour needle-felting 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 — just come ready to play with color and texture. You'll leave with your own wool-painted mini landscape framed to take home and display. Perfect for a cozy creative break and a fun introduction to needle felting! All materials are provided. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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## Free Classes & Art Opportunities

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

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These 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 a grant from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.

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

Elementary & Middle/High School ART Program (ages 5+) 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: 8 (first come; first served) |

Sign up at the Arts Center or on our [Square Site](#).

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### May Session - **Blooming: Painting and Drawing**

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Elementary Class (ages 5-10)

Mondays — May 4, 11, 18

& Tues, May 26 (Due to Memorial Day)

[Sign up on Square.](#)

Elementary & Middle -High School (ages 5+)

Wednesdays — May 6, 13, 20 & 27

[Sign up on Square.](#)



*Paint the petals, sketch the blooms, and celebrate spring!*

Bloom into creativity this May in our Plants & Flowers Art Workshop with instructor Brooke Snyder! Designed for both Elementary and MS/HS students, this class will explore the beauty of nature through painting, chalk pastels, and drawing. Students will create vibrant floral artwork inspired by spring gardens, wildflowers, leaves, and botanical details while learning techniques for shading, blending, layering, and color mixing.

With guided instruction and plenty of room for creative choice, artists will leave with cheerful, nature-inspired pieces that capture the fresh energy of the season.

Instructor: Brooke Snyder



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## Thank YOU Volunteers

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So many thanks to our volunteers who helped to sort, hang, tag and promote the 6x6 Show and FUNdraiser: Anna Blachman, Ann Buchau, Sandy Davis, Margie Ledden, Dyan Melnik, Judy Van Wie, Karen Wheeler.

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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: 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...**

*"Have no fear of perfection, you'll never reach it." - Salvador Dali*

*Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center*

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## Board of Directors

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**Ann Buchau** – President  
**Tom Lambert** – Vice President  
**Rochelle Peabody** – Secretary  
**Judy Van Wie** – Treasurer

**Joan Mullen** – Director  
**Patricia Tanner** – Director