



SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

Your community art center since 1994.

Newsletter

President's Message

Gratitude. What are you grateful for? Friends and family for sure. Maybe having a Fine Arts Center right in our small town? Grateful that there is a place to socialize and connect with other people who appreciate art and realize the value it brings to the community. Offering high quality free or discounted programs for our youth, senior adults and everyone in between is surely something to be grateful for, right? But it's easy to take for granted something that for the most part runs in the background and has been here for over 30 years. Being deep in the trenches and making sure all these programs happen, I don't take a minute of it for granted. I understand that it is memberships, volunteers and donations that are the backbone, and without these, the organization would cease to exist as it is. Yet, there has been a decline in our membership numbers over the past couple of years making me wonder if many people are taking this organization for granted. Maybe membership is down, simply because people are busy and forget to renew their memberships or maybe they don't realize how much their individual support makes a difference. A non-profit organization doesn't run by itself. It takes an incredible amount of work and financial support to be able to pay rent, utilities, and provide the resources to make these programs and events happen. November, when we collectively turn inward to feel gratitude for friends and families, we ask that you also show your gratitude for the community organizations that enrich our lives and community in so many ways. That's why we will be reaching out to you later this month with our "small town- big heart" membership and fundraising campaign with gentle reminders of all we do and asking for your support. Our goal is to increase our membership, volunteers and donations by at least 20%. If for some reason, you haven't renewed because you feel you aren't getting a personal benefit, or may be frustrated about something, I encourage you to shift your gaze outward and consider how you might help us improve by volunteering and sharing your skills and expertise. We are currently looking for new board members, especially those with marketing or leadership skills. Please talk to me, or email me if you are interested in helping guide this organization, in any capacity, and I will happily explain the process. Art is such a catalyst for gratitude, positive change and well being, both for the individual as well as the collective community. Take a moment to truly feel what this organization means to you and to the community. In the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."

much gratitude
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November 2025

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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

----- 2025 -----

Fall -Winter Member Show
Exhibition: Oct 30 - Jan 17, 2026

Shop Local Saturday, Nov 29

Membership / Giving Tuesday
November 23 - December 12
Become a member, renew membership, donate

Light Up Pulaski:
Mugs and Makers
Make /Take an Ornament
Enjoy Coffee or Hot Cocoa
Shop for holiday gifts
Sunday, Dec. 7, 10 am - 3

----- 2026 -----

Special Exhibit TBD
Exhibition: Jan 29 - Feb 28

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: June 4 - August 13

YAE Student Exhibition
Date TBD

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

Exhibitions & Events

Current Exhibition

Member Fall - Winter Show

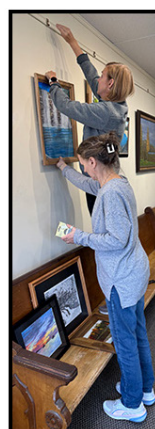
Exhibition:
October 30 - January 17, 2026



Be sure to come in during gallery hours to see our Member Fall-Winter Show, a collection of fine artwork created by our talented Fine Arts Center Members. It will delight and inspire you. And you might find that perfect new artwork to brighten your home.

Thank YOU Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who helped to hang and tag our Member Fall - Winter Show: Tom Briggs, Michael Field, Bill King, Marjorie Ledden, Ewa Martyniuk, Rebecca Mashaty, Dyan Melnik, Mary Price, Kris Sperati, and Judy Van Wie.



Current Event



Ornament Sale - Until December 20

We are offering for sale outstanding homemade ornaments made by our creative members. Ornaments make great gifts for teachers and friends, lovely decorations for holiday packages, and great ways to add holiday cheer to your home. Come in to see our beautiful display of handmade ornaments and support our local artists.

Shows and Events

----- 2026 -----

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+)
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
within past year.

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

salmonriverfineartscenter.com

Announcements

Thank YOU!

Greater Pulaski

Community Endowment Fund

THANK YOU to the Greater Pulaski Community Endowment Fund for their generous support for our work in enhancing our community through the fine arts. We are honored to be a 2025 Grant Recipient and grateful to be in a community that recognizes and rewards the important contributions of nonprofit organizations.

Here is the announcement of all the grant recipients:

<https://cnycf.org/pulaski-fund-distributes-40500-in-grants/>

Thank you Brooke Morse, shown in the photo on this site, for representing the Arts Center!

SHOP LOCAL

Saturday, November 29

Shop Local at the Arts Center for handmade holiday ornaments, unique holiday cards, handmade jewelry and pottery, art supplies, and an extensive selection of original artwork and prints. All items are 10% off, and we offer free gift wrapping and extended hours.

SMALL TOWN BIG HEART

Membership and fundraising campaign

We need you to help make the fine arts thrive in Pulaski. Please consider becoming a member, renewing your membership, or donating to the Arts Center during our Membership Drive/Giving Tuesday campaign this fall. **The campaign will begin on November 23 and run for ten days, ending on December 2, Giving Tuesday, a national day of giving.** We would greatly appreciate your help. The whole community benefits from a thriving fine arts center. **Thank YOU!**

November Adult 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.

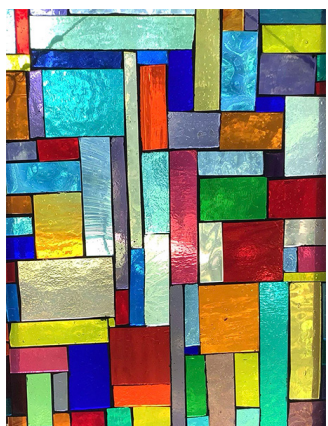


4-Week Adult Pottery Workshop with Marybeth

Instructor: Marybeth Sorendo

Saturdays: November 1, 8, 15, & 22 | 10 AM – 12 PM

Discover the art of clay in this hands-on, 4-week pottery workshop designed for adults of all skill levels. Guided by local ceramic artist Marybeth Sorendo, you'll explore both wheel throwing and handbuilding techniques in a relaxed and encouraging environment. Over the course of four consecutive Saturday mornings, you'll learn the foundational skills of working with clay: shaping, trimming, decorating, and glazing to create your own functional and sculptural pieces. Sorry! Class is sold out.



3-Day Workshop: Abstract Glass Mosaic Frames

Instructor: Dyan Melnik

Sunday, November 2, Noon-3 pm

Sunday, November 9, Noon-3 pm

Sunday, November 16, Noon-1:30 pm

Fee: \$38 (25% off for members \$28.50)*

Join accomplished glass mosaic artist Dyan Melnik for a vibrant 3-day workshop where you'll explore the colorful world of stained glass mosaics! In this workshop you will explore stained glass color theory and layout design, learn proper glass-cutting and techniques, create your own framed mosaic artwork to take home, gain inspiration from Dyan's signature style and examples, and work in a supportive, creative environment alongside fellow artists. All materials will be supplied. Sorry! Class is sold out.



“MoonKitten in the Forest”

Cranky Cat Paint & Sip

Instructor: Cindy Schmidt

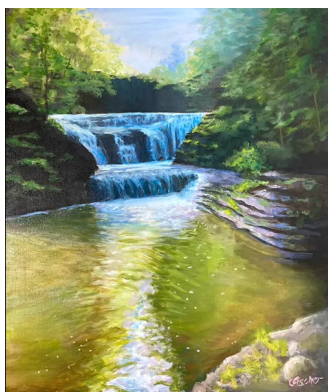
Friday, November 14, 5:00- 7:00 pm

Ages: Adults and Children (12+)

Fee: \$25 (25% off for members \$18.75)

Join local favorite Cindy Schmidt for a whimsical evening of acrylic painting, laughter, and creativity as you bring “MoonKitten in the Forest” to life! You'll create a glowing night scene featuring a moonlit kitten nestled in a magical forest—complete with expressive eyes, fuzzy fur, and that classic “cranky cat” attitude. Cindy will guide you step-by-step. This workshop is designed for adults and children (12+) of all skill levels—no prior experience needed. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available, and you're welcome to bring your own favorite drink as well. All materials are supplied. [Sign up on Square](#).

Adult Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued



Painting Realistic Landscapes

Instructor: Christine Fischer

Wednesday, November 19, 4:30-7:00 pm

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

In this workshop participants will explore the beauty and versatility of painting with only four colors. By working with a limited palette, you'll learn essential color mixing techniques that create natural, harmonious tones. The class will cover atmospheric perspective to add depth, as well as simplification principles to make your compositions clear and impactful. Starting with basic shapes and saving the details for last, you'll discover how this step-by-step approach makes the process approachable and rewarding for artists of all levels. All materials will be supplied.

[Sign up on Square.](#)



Free Drawing Class

Join Us Thursdays 6–8 pm.

Virtual Class on Zoom

Anyone can learn to draw!

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!**



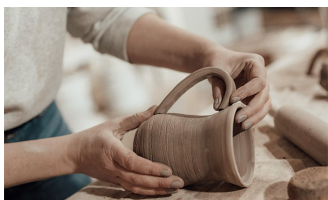
2-D Open Studio

Friday afternoons, 1-4 pm

1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 6-8:30 pm, with Cheyenne Hier

Free to Members (16+)

Bring your own art project and supplies, join our volunteer artist in the back classroom, enjoy great company, and make beautiful art.



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 Fall Art Club 2025

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](#).

November Session: Native American Art Adventures

Elementary (Ages 5-10)

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 |

December 3 | 3:30-5:30

Sold Out

Middle-High School (Ages 10-16)

Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 |

December 4

Sold Out

Celebrate creativity through the traditions of Native American-inspired art!

In this special November session, students will explore projects rooted in Native American culture and history. Together, we'll craft corn husk dolls, squash birdhouses, and other art projects that reflect the resourcefulness and creativity of Indigenous traditions. Students will learn how natural materials have been used for generations to create both functional and decorative works of art, while also exploring the values of respect, storytelling, and connection to the land. Come create, learn, and celebrate in Native American Art Adventures! Instructor: Linda Knowles.



Get to Know Our Volunteers



My name is Paula Yerdon and I live here in the north country. Three years ago, I started taking pottery classes at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center and recently started volunteering in the pottery studio. Being part of a community of creative and talented individuals is a natural fit for me. I grew up in a family of artists where creative exploration was encouraged, not only by example, but also by being provided with an abundance of resources to work with. I have memories of harvesting clay from a creekbed with my grandmother so that I could create with clay. This is no doubt how my love for pottery began. When I am not working with a class, my other passions include spending time with family, travel, reading, climbing mountains and lots more.

I am excited to be part of a studio that provides so many opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities to explore their talents and have fun on their journey. I look forward to seeing you in the studio!

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 Need YOU!

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

Contact [Dyan Melnik \(845-541-5917\)](tel:845-541-5917) or [Tina Limpert \(315-751-3780\)](tel:315-751-3780) for information.

Leave a Legacy

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...

"As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas, and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see."

— Vincent Van Gogh

Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center

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