



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

Newsletter

President's Message

Dear art loving friends,

October is a great time to reflect on making positive changes to follow your passion to be your best. That doesn't mean seeking perfection, it is simply a proactive approach that involves learning and refining habits to foster change for the better. It's a philosophy I try to follow both in my personal life and at the art center. I am incredibly encouraged by the positive change that results from the dedication and passion of our volunteers. For example, Cheyenne Heir, a member recently reached out inquiring about having an evening open studio. When I explained that we didn't have a volunteer to support an evening initiative, instead of being disappointed, she enthusiastically accepted the opportunity to volunteer to help cultivate a creative open studio community. Another member, Paula Yerdon, a recent retiree, expressed her desire to add a daytime pottery open studio and also stepped forward to monitor a Friday afternoon session. Thanks to these "new" volunteers for following their passion and commitment, we now have several opportunities for you to come in and create! See details below and "meet" Cheyenne, our featured volunteer! Other improvements come from honest feedback, as in the case of a member questioning the decision to accept pieces that didn't adhere to our prospectus for the Hooked Show. Although our intentions were good, I humbly admit, in hindsight, this was not fair to do in a juried show. So I wanted to apologize and acknowledge openly that moving forward, we need to follow our process, and when we do make adjustments, ensure equity for all our members. The reality is at every moment we are all trying to do our best, but sometimes we make mistakes. These are learnings that keep us humble, and help us improve. Working together, with your honest feedback and ideas we move forward and get better. We are grateful to all our volunteers for their dedication and the positive impact their efforts make on the community and our organization. If you are thinking about how you might be able to create positive change in yourself or the community, we invite you to join us for a volunteer open house (details below). Volunteering, sharing your ideas and following your passion not only helps you be your best self, it helps build a more creative and caring community. In the words of Vincent van Gogh: "I am seeking. I am striving. I am in it with all my heart."

Much gratitude,

Ann

October 2025

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Thursday, noon - 6 pm

Friday, noon - 6 pm

Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm



Current and Upcoming Shows, Events and Art Opportunities

----- 2025 -----

Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition

Exhibition: through Oct 18

Fall - Winter Member Show

Drop off art & ornaments:

October 23 - 25

Exhibition: Oct 30 - Jan 17, 2026

Volunteer Open House

Saturday, October 25, 10-11 am

Light Up Pulaski:

Mugs and Makers

December 7

----- 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

Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Art Exhibition

through October 18



Ann Buchau - Salmon River Estuary



Milton Franson - Two Choices

Exhibition through October 18, gallery hours

Come be inspired: over 50 sights from along the river and in the river through the eyes of local artists

Thank you to our sponsors
for your generous support!



Upcoming Exhibition

Member Fall - Winter Show

Exhibition: October 30 - January 17

Michael W. Field
Red Tree South Onondaga



Drop off art & ornaments: October 23 - 25

Member artists: we are looking forward to displaying your creations for our Member Fall-Winter Show and Ornament sale.

Check out our [website](#) and [prospectus](#) for details.

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 Art 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

Artists: Call for Entries!

You are cordially invited to
Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay's 6th annual

Local Landscape & Landmark Art Exhibit

October 17 - November 9

**Artists in the 120th Assembly District are invited to submit depictions
of landscapes or historic landmarks within the district.**

Submissions welcomed
until October 9

Free to enter. Juried show.
Prizes to local restaurants.

Art Opening
Friday, October 17, 6-7 pm
Art Association of Oswego, Inc.

You are invited to share your work to “celebrate the landmarks, waterways
and scenery that exemplify central New York” in the
6th Annual Local Landscape and Landmark Art Exhibit
sponsored by Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay.

Submissions are due October 9.

[Here is the form to accompany submissions.](#)



from Salmon River - Encaustic by Ann Buchau

Welcoming our New Board Member

Please join us in welcoming Rochelle Peabody to the Salmon River Fine Arts Center board, as the Secretary.

Rochelle is committed to improving the community and engaging with local artists to promote their artistic expression. She is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Pulaski office and volunteers for PROP (Preservation Revitalization of Pulaski). She enjoys and understands the value of exploring creative outlets through photography, scrapbooking and paper crafting, amongst a few of her favorite hobbies. She and her family reside in Mexico.

October 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.



Surface Designs: Underglaze Techniques & Decorative Play

Instructor: Brooke Morse

Saturday, October 11, 10:00 am – Noon

Bring your greenware to life in this two-hour decorative workshop focused on surface design for mugs and vessels. Potters of all levels will learn how to apply underglaze transfers cleanly and effectively, paint directly with underglaze to create illustrative or abstract designs, and use stencils to build layered patterns and dynamic surfaces. The workshop will also cover composition, layering, and how to plan designs to complement the unique curves and forms of each piece. Participants should bring 3–5 fully finished, bone-dry greenware mugs or small vessels, along with any personal underglazes, brushes, or stamps if desired. Materials provided include a variety of underglaze colors, transfers, stencils, sponges, brushes, tools, and example pieces for inspiration. [Sign up on Square](#).

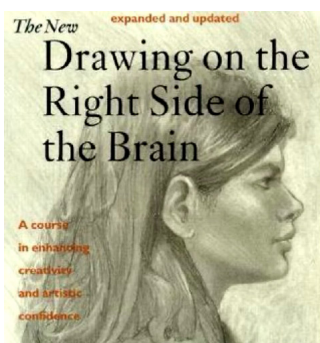


Concertina Art Journals: Storytelling Through Collage and Paint

Instructor: Beth Sotherden

Saturday, October 11, 10:30 am – 1pm

In this fall themed, hands-on workshop, we'll transform a large sheet of paper into a unique concertina-style art journal. This folded format creates a flowing sequence of pages, allowing your images and ideas to unfold like a visual story. Once the structure is built, we'll bring the pages to life with collage, stenciling, and layers of paint—experimenting with color, pattern, and imagery to create depth and movement across the unfolding panels. Students will have access to multiple autumn images and a variety of papers suitable for use in backgrounds. Bring any personal images, printmaking pieces, old art, magazines, catalogs, photos, or papers you'd like to include. No prior experience needed. [Sign up on Square](#).



Drawing on the Right Side of Your Brain

Instructor: Katrina Morse

Sunday, October 26, 10:00 am – Noon

Learn to See Like an Artist: Drawing with Confidence. Unlock the power of observation and transform the way you draw. In this hands-on class, inspired by Betty Edwards' groundbreaking book *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*, you'll explore techniques that help retrain your brain to truly see—not just what you think is there, but what's actually in front of you. Through a series of guided exercises, you'll develop your ability to perceive shape, proportion, space and light, building a strong foundation for realistic drawing. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, this class will help you gain confidence and accuracy in your artwork by learning to look with an artist's eye. Some materials will be supplied. Please bring a 9"x12" sketch pad. [Sign up on Square](#).

Adult Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued



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!**



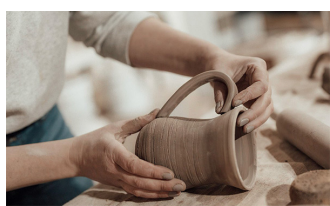
2-D Open Studio

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](#).

**October Session:
Cosplay & Costume
Design**

Elementary

Tuesdays: Sept 30 | Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Middle - High School

Thursdays: Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



Step into a world of imagination and creativity!

In Cosplay & Costume Design, students will explore the art of creating costumes inspired by their favorite characters, stories, and original ideas. From masks and props to wearable accessories and full costume pieces, students will learn how to design, craft, and assemble their own cosplay creations using a variety of materials. This class encourages self-expression, problem-solving, and hands-on making while teaching basic sewing, prop construction, and design techniques. Students are welcome to bring in old clothes, fabric scraps, or costume pieces to repurpose, but all core supplies will be provided. Instructor: Abrielle Soluri

Get to Know Our Volunteers



Cheyenne Hier

“Be mindful, be kind. The world only gets better when we choose to care for each other.”

My name is Cheyenne, and I grew up here in Central New York. I’ve been drawn to the arts for as long as I can remember, sketching, wood burning, painting, and chasing whatever new medium calls to me. I chose to volunteer because I believe art should feel like an open door, something welcoming, accessible, and woven into our everyday lives. Supporting the Salmon River Fine Arts Center allows me to help nurture that vision, creating a place where creativity can spark and grow. I’m grateful to be part of a community that understands the power of art—how it can illuminate, connect, and transform.

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 **Diane Melnik (845-541-5917)** or **Tina Limpert (315-751-3780)** for information.

Volunteer Open House!

Saturday, October 25, 10-11 am

Join us for coffee or tea and light refreshments and learn about the many ways you can help the art center. You don’t need to be an artist; just bring your inquiring mind and big heart!

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...

"A man paints with his brains and not with his hands." — Michelangelo

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