

Salmon River Fine Arts Center

September Newsletter 2020

Our Latest News

Classes, Shows and other updates

It's Auction time!



Artwork by Aaron Mekkelson



Monique Ritter and Andrew Ruddy

To keep our community safe, this year our annual auction and fundraiser moves to an online platform. We invite you to preview, bid early, and bid often! Simply go to srfac.betterworld.org starting September 26th. Then join us on Facebook Live on October 3rd from 6 pm to 8 pm as we host the final bidding and have live performances throughout the evening! You won't want to miss this online event featuring music by Ritter and Ruddy (bid on a backyard concert with these local musicians!) and watch performance artist Aaron Mekkelson as he paints a piece that will be offered for bid that night! Also, you can log in early that day at 1 pm to see a firing of Raku items to be auctioned later.

Please mark your calendar, support the art center and join us for an evening of fun and friendly bidding with your neighbors and community for Art * Music * Pottery* Woodwork * Gift Certificates and more!

****If you have items to donate for the auction, please contact us no later than September 19th.****

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The gallery is now open!

Please come in and visit us. Check out the amazing Hooked on the Salmon River Show, view and purchase art from members including some new art from Louise Woodard. Louise is one of our longstanding members and a talented and prolific artist. Two of our board members, Diane and Anna, had the opportunity to visit with Louise in her home recently and came back with some beautiful original watercolors and prints to display as well as a lot of inspiration to share with you. We hope to bring Louise into the center sometime soon to teach a class.

Our new gallery hours are Thursday and Friday Noon until 6 pm and Saturdays 10 am until 2 pm or by appointment.

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Indoor Classes – what you should know

Now that the gallery is open, we will transition back to in-person classes in addition to some virtual classes. If there is an in-person class that interests you but you still don't feel comfortable coming into the center yet, let us know – in most cases, we could make arrangements for you to join the class virtually. We loved being able to draw outside in the park this summer, but now with the cooler evenings and the sun setting earlier we are moving indoors beginning tomorrow. We have also added an afternoon drawing class too; see details below.

To ensure everyone's safety we are implementing the following policy for indoor classes:

- Masks are required at all times in the center.
- All visitors and students are required to conduct a health self-assessment (if you are displaying any symptoms or do not feel well –stay home.)
- Class size will be limited to six people.
- Workstations will be setup and spaced six feet apart for each class. If you are taking a class with an individual from your family you may sit together at one station, and in that case, we may accept more than six people.
- All common areas, tools and supplies will be disinfected before and after each class. We also have hand sanitization stations available for students and visitors.

Classes

Our summer pay what you can classes have finished. They were a great success and we thank all those who participated and the Greater Pulaski Endowment Fund for providing us the grant to hold these classes.

More Free Weekly Drawing Classes

Regardless of what you may think, everyone can draw, and, the more you practice, the better your skills become. Drawing not only improves our skills it transforms the way we see and interpret the world around us. We are now offering two opportunities for you to practice your drawing skills every Thursday. These free classes are open to anyone with a desire to draw—any age, any level. All materials are supplied. *These free classes are made possible through funding received from the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust and a generous donation from Drs. Patricia and Jay Chapman.*

Thursday Afternoons from 1 - 3 pm

Thursday Evenings from 6 - 8 pm

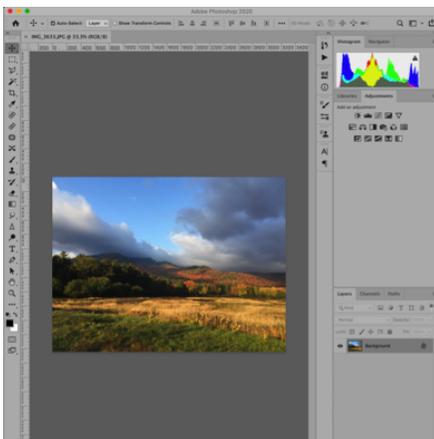
Location: Salmon River Fine Arts Center

Join us Thursday (tomorrow) – September 10th!

In the afternoon class, **Ann Buchau** will use Doreen Roberts's book called “Drawing Workshop” to explore line drawing and the variations achieved using different tools such as pencil, charcoal, and pen.

Billie Jo Peterson will instruct the evening class. Although you can work on whatever interests you, drawing from a reference photo or from life, she will also provide instruction on one point linear perspective drawing. This uses lines and a single vanishing point to render your subject.

Photo Editing Workshop

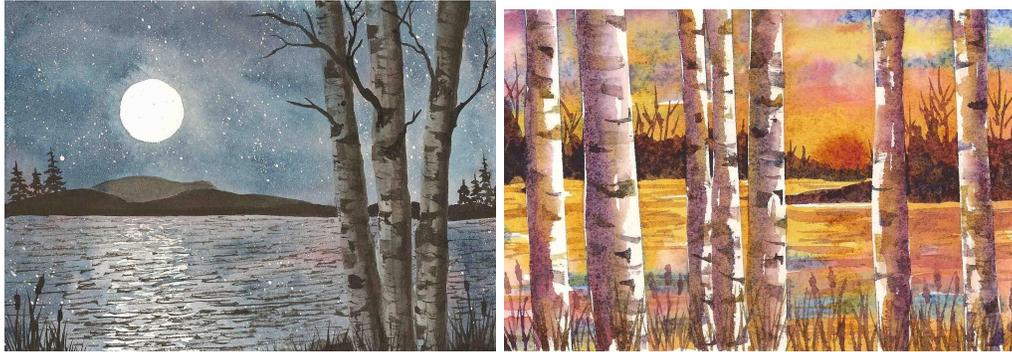


Instructor: Sarah Fowler
Format: Virtual Class
Date: Sunday, Sept. 13
Time: 1 - 3 pm
Level: Beginner 12 & up
Cost: \$5

After you have taken a good photo, now what? How do you edit a good photo to make it a great photo? This class will help you to identify and use the photo editing tools/adjustments in Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom. If you have one of these programs, make sure it is downloaded on your computer and ready to go. Don't have either? You can watch and take notes and apply the lessons to your own program later. Space is limited to 10 students, so sign up early and pay for your class on our

[Salmon River Fine Arts Center Square Site](#). After you do you will receive instructions on how to access the course. *This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by CNY Arts.*

Birch Tree and Landscape Watercolor Workshop



Instructor: Robert Jones

Date: Saturday, September 19

Time: 10 am - noon

Class Limit: 6

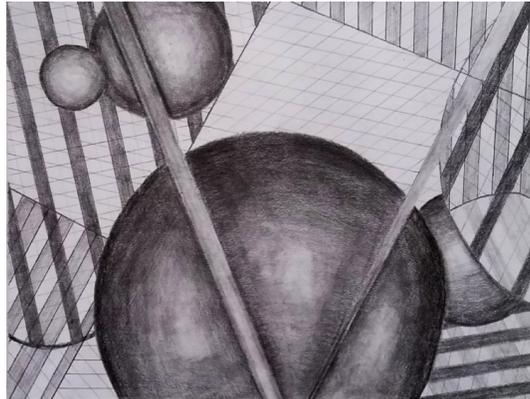
Age: 14 & up

Cost: members \$10; non-members \$15 (all materials supplied)

Location: Salmon River Fine Arts Center

Join Robert Jones as he shares his tips and tricks to making his beautiful landscape scenes of birch trees. Both beginners and those wanting more experience will benefit. Class demonstrations will include using watercolor pigments and a variety of creative techniques. The goal is for you to complete one or possibly two paintings that creatively reflect your unique perspective and interest by including a moon, sunset, sunrise, water, mountains, canoe, loon, moose, etc. The opportunity to try synthetic Yupo Paper, will also be available. This paper can be challenging but sometimes reveals unexpected and lovely results. Space is limited to 6 students, so sign up early and pay for your class on our [Salmon River Fine Arts Center Square Site](#). *This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by CNY Arts.*

Abstract Drawing Workshop



Instructor: Charlotte Arcadi

Date: Saturday, October 17 2020

Time: Noon – 2 pm

Class Limit: 6

Age: 14 & up

Cost: members \$10; non-members \$15 (all materials supplied)

Location: Salmon River Fine Arts Center

Learn how to create a non-objective 2-D Design that incorporates the elements and principles of art. What is non-objective art? It is a work of art that does not represent or depict a person, place or thing in the natural world. Also called Abstract art. In this workshop, you will have the freedom to explore your imagination while learning and illustrating the fundamental elements of good design and composition. Using paper and graphite pencils and various tools to create shapes, instructor Charlotte Arcadi will guide you step by step and show you how to add volume and dimension to your monochromatic artwork. Find the joy of creating beautiful abstract art unencumbered by the feeling or need to have a perceived outcome. Charlotte Arcadi is an active artist and NYS certified K-12 Art teacher and is currently an adjunct Art instructor at Cayuga Community College teaching 2-D Design and Digital Photography. ***This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by CNY Arts.***

More in the works...

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our August scheduled En Plein Air Painting class. We are working on trying to reschedule to a fall date as well as finalizing details on more class offerings for the fall. Please be sure to check our website for updates or stop by the art center.

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Shows



Old Railroad Bridge (beside the river), oil by Phil Lee

Day's Catch, oil by Virginia Hovendon

Sometimes we are so busy we fail to stop and see the beauty that surrounds us every day. That's why we were excited to hold our first annual themed show and competition "Hooked on the Salmon River." This exhibit currently on display now through October 14th reminds us through the eyes of local artists of the simple wonders of our river.

Congratulations to our winners:

Best in Show: "Day's Catch," oil by Virginia Hovendon

1st Place: "Salmon Splash," ceramic sculpture by Ann Buchau

2nd Place: "Steelhead 2," oil by Michael Johnson

3rd Place: "Making a Splash," jewelry by Theresa Mehaffy

Honorable mention for "Up From the River," watercolor by Dona Flaherty.

Awards were based on originality, craftsmanship and adherence to the theme and selected by Lawrence C. Barone, a multi-disciplined fine artist and owner of The Gallery-Fine Art & Studio, located in Sackets Harbor. He has juried several shows and has had his own work selected for numerous juried shows across the country.

In addition to these awards, a **"Peoples' Choice" award** will be given at the end of the show. Gallery visitors may vote for their favorite piece on each visit to the Gallery between August 28 - October 14.

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Other Updates

We are excited to begin renovations for our **Saturday morning Youth Art Experience** scheduled to launch this October. Tom Lambert has the material together and will be ready to reinforce the loft subfloor and frame in the coming week. He is looking for help with this work. Tom says “I have an air nailer and circular saw, so if anyone is interested in having some fun with power tools, let me know.” There will also be an opportunity for some painting to add color to the new studio space. We are grateful to the Richard S. Shineman Foundation for providing a generous grant in support of this new youth art program.

Reminder to all members: the **fall-winter members only show** is coming this October. View the prospectus and entry form [here](#).

Want to sell your art for the holidays?

We will be featuring one or two member artists every Saturday in November and December for the holidays. If you are a member artist and would like to participate in this opportunity, please leave a message at the art center or call Ann Buchau at 585-314-1973.

For more information on our classes and shows, please visit our [website](#).

Be creative and stay safe!

Your friends at the Salmon River Fine Art Center

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