



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

Newsletter

President's Message

Dear friends,

September is time to let go and refocus. As we shift gears for the season, our successful summer YAE camps give way to an after school YAE art club with new days and options. Brooke, our program coordinator, has also lined up some exciting fall themed classes for adults of all ages, skill levels and interests. Heather, our gallery coordinator, has been working hard making subtle changes along with the gallery team to spruce up the member gallery. In addition to selling local art, pottery and jewelry, Heather has brought in beautiful watercolor workbooks. These are a wonderful way to experiment and enhance your skills at home – and they make great gifts too! Another change you might notice is that we are not holding our annual auction this fall. With a smaller working board and active volunteer team, we have to be careful not to over burden anyone. Our volunteers are busy already with the various tasks of keeping classes, exhibits and the gallery open. In the effort of continually improving, our board of directors has set a day aside in September to meet with a consultant to collectively refocus and put a strategic plan in place. We will also be focusing on volunteers and volunteer training. We are currently updating our volunteer list and we'd love to add your name as a potential volunteer to help occasionally. Whether you have a specific business skill you can share such as writing press releases, designing handouts for the gallery, creating reports and spreadsheets, or simply be an extra hand in one of our classes or the gallery, we would love to hear from you. As you adjust to your fall schedule, we hope you make time to take a class with us and perhaps refocus your commitment to helping us develop a more creative community—starting with you!

[Please contact me](#) for more information.

Much gratitude,
Ann



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Gallery Hours

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: August 28 - Oct 17

Fall - Winter Member Show

Drop off art & ornaments:

October 23 - 25

Exhibition: Oct 30 - Jan 17, 2026

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

Exhibitions & Events

Current Exhibition

Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition

through October 18

Red Tail Hawk | Wood Carving by Ken Suits



We had a wonderful turnout for the opening of our sixth annual Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition featuring work inspired by our beautiful river. All of the work in the show is so impressive that this year's judge, Kristy Hoover, had a challenging time selecting the top winners (see the complete list below.) All entries were selected and judged anonymously based on technical skill, overall craftsmanship, originality, and adherence to the theme. Be sure to come in to see the show and cast your vote for your favorite!

Congratulations to the winners of this year's show.

BEST OF SHOW: William King, *"Aidans Steelhead"*, Pen & Ink

Painting:

1st place: Rebecca Moshaty, *"All that Glitters,"* Mixed Media

2nd place: Bill Bazzell, *"Halyards on Ontario,"* Watercolor

Honorable Mention: Hollie DeCarlo, *"A Good Day,"* Acrylic

Honorable Mention: Jerry Merrill, *"Turkeys,"* Oil

Drawing:

1st place: Addison McCullough, *"Casts and Corsets,"* Pencil

2nd place: Gracie Levack, *"Fishing Pole,"* Drawing/Mixed Media

Photography:

1st place: Kevin Hoehn, *"Solo Fisherman"*

2nd place: Karen Wheeler, *"Seasons of the River"*

Honorable Mention: Judy Templeton-Phillips, *"You're ok, I've got you."*

Honorable Mention: Mary Ayres, *"First Light"*

3D and Fine Craft:

1st Place: Ken Suits, *"Red Tail Hawk,"* Wood Carving

2nd Place: Kate Curtin, *"River Bed,"* Fabric

Honorable Mention: Karen Allen, *"Together at the Tackle Box Tavern,"*
Diorama

Honorable Mention: Ken Suits, *"Bulle Head in Flight,"* Wood Carving

Shows and Events Continued

----- 2026 -----

Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Art Exhibition

Exhibition: Aug 27 - Oct 8

Member Fall-Winter Show

Exhibition: Oct 22 - Jan 16, 2027

Light Up Pulaski:
Mugs and Makers
December 6

FREE Art Opportunities:

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

FREE Open Studio Fridays for Members (16+)

Volunteer artist available

Fridays 1-4 pm

No sign up; just come

Bring artwork & supplies

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

salmonriverfineartscenter.com

Current Exhibition Continued



Scenes from our opening reception and awards ceremony.

Thank you to our sponsors!

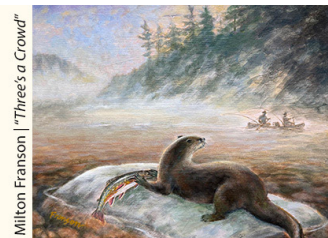


And thank you to those who worked so hard and did an awesome job hanging the show: Jill Eccleston, Bill King, Marjorie Ledden, Tina Limpert, Diane Melnik, Kris Sperati, Jan van den Heide.

Upcoming Exhibition

Member Fall - Winter Show

Exhibition: October 30 - January 17



Drop off art & ornaments: October 23 - 25

Attention member artists -- start thinking about creating something for our Member Fall-Winter Show and Ornament sale. Check out our [website](#) and [prospectus](#) for details.

Winner of the Popular Vote Member Summer Show

For every show we ask viewers to vote for their favorite artwork. Here is the winner for the Member Summer Show:



Congratulations to Ken Suits
for his painting titled
"Resting Leopard."

September 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.



LANDSCAPE COLLAGE WITH HAND-PRINTED PAPERS ON THE GEL PLATE

Instructor: Beth Sotherden

Sunday, September 7, 10:00 am – Noon

Cost: \$25 (25% off for members \$18.75)*

In this two-part class, you'll first experiment with printing on both opaque and transparent papers using stencils, mark-making tools, and a limited color palette to create cohesive textures inspired by sky, water, landforms, foliage, and sunlight.

In the second part, you'll design and assemble a simple landscape by cutting, tearing, and layering your prints. We'll explore aerial perspective and composition; however, whether your piece is realistic or imaginative, it will be uniquely yours—built from the papers you created. Suitable for all levels—no prior printmaking experience needed! All materials will be supplied. [Sign up on Square](#).



WHEEL THROWN PUMPKIN WORKSHOP

Instructor: Ann Buchau

Wednesday, Sept 10, 6- 8:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept 17, 6-7:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept 24, 6-7:30 pm

Cost: \$65 (Members get 25% off \$48.75)

Celebrate fall with this special 3-part class and learn to make your very own ceramic pumpkin on the wheel! In the first class you will create a closed orb on the wheel. Then you will be shown techniques to alter, shape and add a stem. In the second class you will trim and “carve” your leather-hard pumpkin, adding a few finishing details. The pumpkins will be allowed to dry and then put in the bisque kiln. The third and final class will be dedicated to painting your bisqued pumpkin whatever color and style you imagine. Although this class is open to all levels, previous centering experience is helpful with this technique. Pumpkin pinch pots are also an option for the beginner. Come get your hands muddy and explore this fun technique! All materials are included. [Sign up on Square](#).



TEEN WHEEL THROWING AGES 13-19

Instructor: Marybeth Sorendo

Saturday, September 20, 10 am - 12 pm

Fee: \$65. (Members get 25% off \$48.75)

Join us for a hands-on teen ceramics workshop led by local ceramic artist Marybeth! This two-hour class is designed specifically for teens to explore wheel throwing and handbuilding techniques in a fun and supportive environment. Students will work on the pottery wheel to create basic forms, while also learning handbuilding skills to shape, sculpt, and personalize clay creations. Whether you're brand new to ceramics or looking to build your skills, this workshop is the perfect way to get creative with clay. All materials included. [Sign up on Square](#).

September 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!**



Open Studio Fridays, 1-4 pm

Members (16+)

Bring your own art project and supplies, join our volunteer artist in the back classroom, enjoy great company, and make beautiful art. Bring your own materials. We supply the workspace, company, and a positive atmosphere.

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 - 5:00 pm

Option for Bus drop off after school directly at the art center (with permission slip)

Class Limit: 6-8 (first come; first served)

Cost: Pay what you can. \$5 - \$40 (covers one-month session, all materials and a snack)

Free scholarships available –please email your request!

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

September Session: Tinker Time Creative Reengineering

Elementary

Tuesdays Sept. 9, 16, 23

Middle - High School

Thursdays Sept. 11, 18, 25

Do you have old or broken toys lying around? Don't toss them—transform them!
In TinkerTime, students will learn how to reduce, reuse, recycle, and repurpose their old toys and trinkets into something entirely new. Using imagination, basic engineering, and a splash of creativity, students will deconstruct objects and reassemble them into unique works of art.

This hands-on class encourages problem-solving, design thinking, and sustainable creativity while giving new life to forgotten treasures. Students are encouraged to bring in their own toys, though a variety of materials will also be provided. Come tinker, build, and invent—because in TinkerTime, no toy is too broken to spark creativity. [Sign up on Square](#).

Instructor: Brooke Morse.



Thank YOU to Our Volunteers!



Kris Sporati |
Free Friday Art Classes



Audry Clark |
Summer Art Camps



Tina Limpert & Jan van den Heide |
Hooked on Salmon River Art Show

A few of our recent volunteers

Thank you to our many volunteers who have helped with the adult classes, the summer art camps, the Friday night free art program, the Studio Sessions, the Friday open studio sessions, staffing the gallery, hanging the shows, and so much more. We could not possibly give so much to the community without the gift of your volunteer work.

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 (845-541-5917) or Ann (585-314-1973)** for more 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...
"Inspiration exists, but it must find you working" — Pablo Picasso

Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center

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