Salmon River Fine Arts Center

Your community art center since 1994.

Newsletter

Hello Members, Artists, Volunteers and Friends,

It's my turn to introduce myself. My name is Anna Blachman and along with Judy and Rochelle, I am part of the executive committee. As the current treasurer of the Salmon River Fine Arts Center, I am able to use the skills from my previous professional career of being a financial analyst for IBM and Lockheed Martin. I enjoy 'playing with numbers, databases and systems,' ensuring compliance with state & federal reporting requirements and transforming data into actionable information.

My husband and I moved to Pulaski 18 years ago and reside on an old farm just outside of town with a number of dogs, cats and horses, and where I also keep a studio. I am a leatherworker. I was introduced to leather tooling way back when in a high school crafts class and then furthered my skills by apprenticing to a saddle maker in San Diego for a couple of years before taking over his business. After a number of years owning the saddle shop, it was time to learn how to run a business, and I went to college for a BS and MS in Business Administration – and then into the corporate world. Upon retiring, I have again enjoyed working in leather and teaching leather tooling and construction classes here at the Art Center and around the area.

The Art Center is a wonderful place with so many classes, shows and amazing people – both artists and non artists – sharing their talents, kindness and excitement with life and art. The volunteers who come together are truly the backbone of the operation. They are the ones that ensure shows are hung, the back gallery and front windows are beautiful and the open studios are proctored. These terrific volunteers also assist with classes, serve on committees and the board, keep the Art Center open during gallery hours, and keep everything clean, tidy and welcoming! Without these dedicated and fantastic folks there would not be such an outstanding place as the Salmon River Fine Art Center. I sincerely thank each one of them and hope that if you have a few extra hours in your day, week or month that you will reach out to the team and volunteer to join this extraordinary group of folks keeping art in Pulaski.

Warm regards,
Anna Blachman, Board Treasurer

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Friday, noon - 6 pm
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Current and Upcoming Shows, Events and Art Opportunities

------ 2026-2027 ------

Mark your calendar!

Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition
Exhibition: through Oct 10

Member Fall-Winter Show
CALL FOR ENTRIES
Drop off art: October 15-17
Exhibition: Oct 22 - Jan 16,

Light Up Pulaski
Mugs & Makers
December 6

---------- 2027 ----------

Special Exhibit
Exhibition: Jan 28 - March 6

Oswego County Student Show
Exhibition: March 11 - April 3

6x6 Community Art Show
Exhibition: April 8 - May 1

Sunday Artist Show
Exhibition: May 6 - June 19

Member Summer Show
Exhibition: July 1 - August 20

Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition
Exhibition: Sept 2 - Oct 2

Member Fall-Winter Show
Exhibition: Oct 14 - Jan 15, 2028

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

salmonriverfineartscenter.com

Exhibitions & Events

We had an exceptional turnout for the opening of our seventh annual Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition featuring work inspired by the Salmon River and its surrounding landscape. Because all of the work in the show is impressive, our judge had a challenging time selecting the top winners. Entries were selected and judged anonymously based on technical skill, overall craftsmanship, originality, and adherence to the theme. This show comprises 69 entries from 28 artists.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's show. Below is a list of the Best of Show and 1st Place Winners. Stop in to see these as well as the other winners and entries to the show. Be sure to cast your vote for your favorite artwork. We will publish the results in our next newsletter.

BEST OF SHOW, sponsored by Douglaston Salmon Run:
Ken Suits, "*Red Tail Hawk*," Wood Carving

Painting:
1st place: Ann Buchau, "*Salmon River June Sunset*," Encaustic

Drawing:
1st place: Douglas Farden, "*Fishing For Fashion*," Colored Pencil

Photography:
1st place: Kevin Hoehn, "*Fly Fishing*," Photography

3D and Fine Craft:
1st place: Milton Franson, "*A Narrow Escape*," Wood Carving

Thank you to our sponsors

Many thanks to our judge for this show, Claire Ellsworth Ames. And thank you to everyone who worked so hard and did an awesome job hanging the show: Anna Blachman, Ann Buchau, Michael Field, Tom Lambert, Margie Ledden, Sheila Owen, Coleen Patel, Howard Preston, and Kris Sperati.

Exhibitions & Events Continued

Attention member artists: this show is for YOU! What will you create for our Member Fall-Winter Show and Ornament sale? See our website and prospectus for details.

Drop Off Artwork & Ornaments: October 15-17
Exhibition: October 22 - January 16, 2027
Ornament Sale: November - December

Our New Exhibition: Member Gallery Spotlight Beginning This Month

Our Member Gallery will spotlight the work of our members throughout the year. Our first Member *Gallery Spotlight Exhibit* features renowned watercolorist and member Craig Anderson.

You can meet and speak with him on Thursday, September 3, 4:30 pm.

Both the artist and the Arts Center have agreed to donate 100% from sales of the featured exhibit to benefit ALS research.

Craig's featured artwork will also be available on the Salmon River Fine Arts Center's Square website, allowing online visitors across the country to purchase his work and support this important cause.

September Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities

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.

Raku Pottery Workshop Fall 2026
Instructor: Ann Buchau
Dates & Times:
Wednesdays, September 9 & 16, 6-9 pm, at the Arts Center
Saturday, September 26, 9 am - 3 pm, Raku firing off site
Ages: 14 and up
Class fee: $65 members / $80 non-members
Raku is a thrilling, quick-fire ceramics technique originating from 16th-century Japan. Pots are pulled from a glowing red hot kiln (about 1850F) and plunged into enclosed metal cans filled with organic matter to starve them of oxygen. The resulting smoke, flame, and rapid cooling create unpredictable, stunning surface effects and often metallic colors. In this 3-day class you will be guided through the entire creative and firing process of raku pottery. Emphasis will be on creating pieces using a variety of handbuilding techniques, but experienced potters may choose to use the wheel. All tools and materials are provided. No experience necessary.
Sign up on Square.

Plein Air Painting Workshop
Instructor: Kimberly Rossiter
Dates & Times: Two days, 3 hours each day:
September 12 & 13, 1-4 pm
Ages: Adults (14 y/o)
Experience Level: beginner, intermediate, and advanced
Basic drawing skills recommended
Medium: Oil painting
Fee: $36 members / $45 non-members
Step outside the studio and learn to paint from life! In this two-day *En Plein Air* workshop, artist Kimberly Rossiter will guide students through the process of capturing natural light, color, and atmosphere while painting outdoors. Throughout the workshop, students will explore limited palettes, color relationships, value, composition, tone, edges, and paint handling while learning how to work with the constantly changing light of the outdoors. Each student will work toward completing a 5" × 7", 6" × 8", or 8" × 10" painting. A complete materials list will be provided upon registration. Some easels and equipment may be available to borrow.
Sign up on Square.

September Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued

6-Week Wheel Throwing Class for All Levels
Instructor: Ann Buchau
Date: Wednesdays, September 30; Oct 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4
Time: 6:00-8:30 pm
Ages: Adult/Teen
Fee: $120 members / $150 non-members
Learn how to throw basic forms using the potter's wheel. Your instructor will guide you step by step as you learn how to wedge, center and create simple vessels. You will also learn trimming techniques and how to successfully glaze your pots. Students enrolled in this class will also have the option to come in during a designated time on Tuesdays (6-8:30 pm) or Friday (1-4 pm) to practice and work on their pieces. (Although there will be a monitor, there is no instructor for the open studio.) Total class time is 12.5 hours with the option of an additional 25 hours of open studio time during the class session. All tools and materials are provided. Sorry! Class is full.

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!**

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.

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.

YAE (Young Artist Experience) Art Programs

Brooke Morse | Program Coordinator

A Shout-Out to Brooke Morse!

The Board would like to recognize Brooke Morse, our Program Coordinator, for her creativity and resourcefulness in keeping costs for our YAE summer program to a minimum.

Without grant funding for the program this year, Brooke found creative ways to use the materials already available at the Art Center, eliminating the need to purchase additional supplies. Her efforts allowed us to offer quality art experiences for the children in our community at little or no cost to families.

We are very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated teacher working with us. Thank you, Brooke! You are greatly appreciated.

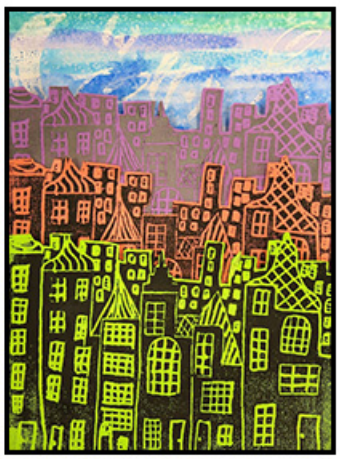
Robert S. Shineman Foundation
YAE Afterschool Fall Art Club 2026

Elementary ART Program (ages 5-10): 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Middle/High School ART Program (ages 10- 16): 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Option for Bus drop off after school directly at the art center (with permission slip)
Class Limit: 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!

September Session: Printmaking Adventures

Group 1
Wednesday Sept 9
Mondays Sept. 14, 21, 28
Sign up on Square

Group 2
Thursdays Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct 1
Sign up on Square



Make a mark. Make a print. Make it your own!

Discover the exciting world of printmaking in this four-week September adventure! Young artists will explore traditional block printing and Gelli plate printmaking, learning how artists transfer drawings, patterns, and textures onto paper.

Students will create their own printing plates, experiment with ink, layering, textures, and everyday objects, and discover the fun of pulling a print—where every impression can be a little different! We'll also explore how printmaking can be used to create artwork, cards, posters, illustrations, book pages, fabric designs, and more. Come experiment, get creative, and make your mark!

Instructor: Jessica Wiggins

Volunteers

Community Impact Award for Karen Wheeler

At the Hooked on the Salmon River awards ceremony, the Fulton Company presented a **Community Impact Award** to Karen Wheeler in recognition for Karen's volunteer work in the community, for her dedicated work of over 35 years at Fulton Boiler Works, as well as for her artistic talent. The Arts Center joins in recognizing Karen's tireless commitment to volunteer work with our organization. She is so very much appreciated.

Thank you volunteers for hanging the Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Art Exhibition

Everyone has something different to offer. What can you do to help us spread the joy of art in our community? Please contact us for information.

* Assist in the gallery -- greet and talk with visitors.
* Assist with a class. Help us set up 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.

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 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: 501(c)(3), 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 chartable 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…

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." — Maya Angelou

Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center

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