



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

# Newsletter

Dear Members, Artists, Volunteers, and Friends,

I am honored to introduce myself. My name is Judy Van Wie, and I live on the Salmon River Reservoir in Orwell, NY. My husband, Harvey, and I are parents to a son and a daughter and Nana and Papa to five grandchildren. I am a military retiree, with 36 years combined service in the Air Force and Air National Guard. Our family has spent countless hours at “camp,” enjoying everything the Tug Hill area has to offer in all four seasons.



Having discovered the Salmon River Fine Arts Center four years ago, I am grateful for the opportunity to now serve in a leadership role on the Board of Directors. Rochelle Peabody, Vice President, and I are dedicated to creating continuity for the organization. In the coming months, each member of the Board will be introducing themselves. It takes a village, as they say, and we are fortunate to have a team of very creative and dedicated individuals, who care deeply about the future of the Art Center and the community it serves.

Our Art Center has thrived because of the commitment of many people – artists who share their talents, volunteers who generously give their time, and supporters who believe in the value of the arts. We are grateful for the many contributions that have helped bring the Art Center to where it is today. As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities before us. Together, we will continue to support artistic expression, provide meaningful educational experiences, and create welcoming spaces where creativity can continue to flourish.

I look forward to meeting more members in the months ahead. If you haven't stopped by in a while, come see us! Bring a friend, share your ideas, shop the back gallery for that perfect gift for someone special. Take a class and learn something new. This is your gallery. You are part of a community enriched by art. On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of governing the organization in a manner that serves the best interests of each of you.

Warm regards,  
Judy Van Wie, Board President

July 2026

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### SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

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#### New Email Address

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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  
----- 2026-2027 -----  
Mark your calendar!

**Fiber & Fire Special Show**  
**Artists' Talk:** July 9  
**Exhibition:** through July 9

**Sunday Artist Show**  
**CALL FOR ENTRIES**  
**Drop off artwork:** July 9-11  
**Exhibition:** July 16 - August 16

**Hooked on the Salmon River**  
**Juried Exhibit**  
**CALL FOR ENTRIES**  
**Application Deadline:** August 7  
**Exhibition:** Aug 27 - Oct 10

**Member Fall Winter Show**  
**Drop off art:** October 15-17  
**Exhibition:**  
October 22 - January 16, 2027

**Light Up Pulaski**  
**Mugs & Makers**  
December 6

**Special Exhibit 2027**  
**Now accepting proposals!**  
(See below.)  
**Exhibition:**  
January 28 - March 6, 2027

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

[salmonriverfineartscenter.com](http://salmonriverfineartscenter.com)

## Exhibitions & Events

*Fiber & FIRE*  
THREE-ARTIST EXHIBITION  
**Artists' Talk Thursday, July 9, 6 pm.  Everyone Invited!**

### Artists' Talk

Join us Thursday, July 9, 6 pm, for an informal conversation with artists Rachel Consolazio and Tina Limpert, two artists featured in the Fiber & Fire Show. They will provide some closing remarks about their artwork and studio practices and answer your questions. This is your last chance to learn more about them, their work and inspiration. The show will come down after the talk. Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired. Everyone invited!

*Sunday Artist Show & Competition*  
*Call for Entries!*  
**Drop Off Artwork: July 9, 10 & 11**  
**Exhibition: July 16 - August 16**

*"Photo Finish"*  
by Christine DiSchiave  
1st Place Amateur & Emerging 2025



**Call for Entries!** Coming in July, our popular Sunday Artists Show, featuring original artwork of amateurs, emerging artists, and semi-professional artists. There will be awards for all three levels of artists! You do not need to be a member of the Fine Arts Center to enter. [Check our website for show details and the prospectus and entry forms.](#)

*Hooked on the Salmon River*  
*Juried Art Exhibition 2026*  
**Call for Entries!**

1st Place 3D and Fine Craft  
Ken Suits, "Red Tail Hawk"



**Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition 2026**  
**Application Deadline: August 7**  
**Exhibition: August 27 - October 10**

**Call for Entries!** Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your work inspired by the Salmon River! (It's not just about fishing — it's the habitat and landscapes surrounding the river too!) All styles and genres of fine art and fine craft will be accepted from both emerging and established artists 18 and older. Artwork must have been completed in the last two years. [See our website for details, prospectus and entry forms.](#)

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## Announcements

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## Special Exhibit 2027 now accepting proposals!

Each year we hold a special exhibit (like this year's Fiber and Fire) featuring two to three artists with unique art techniques or compelling stories or messages as a means to educate and inspire both you and our community. We are now accepting proposals for next year's exhibit. If you are interested in exhibiting a body of your work or want to recommend an artist (you do not need to be a member to exhibit), please send your ideas or proposal to [ann.buchau@srfac.org](mailto:ann.buchau@srfac.org).

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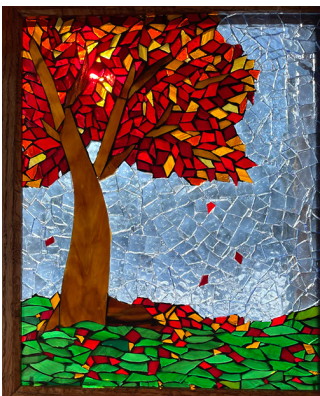
## July Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities

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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.

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### Three-Day Glass Tree Mosaic Workshop

Instructor: Dyan Melnik

July 12 & 19, 1-4:30 pm | July 26, 1-2:30 pm

Fee: \$36 members / \$45 non-members

**SORRY! CLASS IS FULL.** Create a stunning illuminated glass mosaic artwork in this immersive three-day workshop with artist Dyan Melnik. Using an 8x10 framed base, students will design and create their own glass mosaic inspired by landscapes, trees, light, and color, while learning the techniques needed to cut, arrange, grout, and finish a beautiful display-ready piece. By the end of the workshop, students will leave with a completed framed mosaic artwork and the confidence to continue exploring the creative world of glass mosaics. This class is perfect for beginners, experienced makers, and anyone who loves working with color, texture, and light.

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## July Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued

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**Layered Gelli Plate Printing:  
Collage, Texture & Mixed Media Exploration**

**Instructor: Beth Sotherden**

**Date: Saturday, July 18 | 10 am - 12 pm**

**Skill Level: Beginner**

**Fee: \$20 members / \$25 non-members**

Discover the creative possibilities of layered printmaking in this hands-on Gelli Plate workshop. Students will explore how to build rich, dynamic compositions by collaging directly onto the gel plate using multiple images and layers while learning how to think from foreground to background. Throughout the workshop, participants will experiment with layering techniques, transparency, texture, and composition, while discovering how each print evolves through process and experimentation. This class is perfect for beginners and experienced artists alike who enjoy process-based artmaking, mixed media exploration, and discovering unexpected creative results. Students will leave with a collection of one-of-a-kind prints and a deeper understanding of layered image-making techniques.

[Sign up on Square.](#)

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**Raku Pottery Workshop Summer 2026**

**Instructor: Ann Buchau**

**Dates, Times, & Places:**

**Tuesdays, July 28 & August 4, 3-6 pm, at the Arts Center**

**Saturday, August 8, 9 am - 3 pm, Raku firing off site**

**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 1850 F) 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.](#)

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**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!**

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## Adult & Teen Art Opportunities Continued

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### 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.

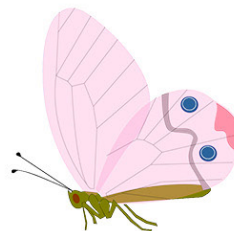
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## Elementary, Junior High & High School Summer Art Classes

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ART  
CAMPS



### YAE Summer Art Camps at the Arts Center for children to explore art in a fun and supportive environment

Young Artist Experience or YAE program (pronounced “yay”) are mindfulness-based art classes that help relieve stress and nurture the creative spirit! All classes are held at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center. *These discounted classes are 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 the generous funding of the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.*

Special thanks also goes to The Oswego County Federal Credit Union, Mexico Branch, for helping to fund our Summer Art Camps.





**Draw It Real: Ages 9-15**

**Dates:** July 13-16

**Session 1:** 9-11 am

**Instructor:** Christine Fischer

Take your drawing skills to the next level in this 4-day class designed for aspiring artists ages 9–15! Students will learn the fundamentals of realistic drawing, including proportion, shading, perspective, and observation techniques.



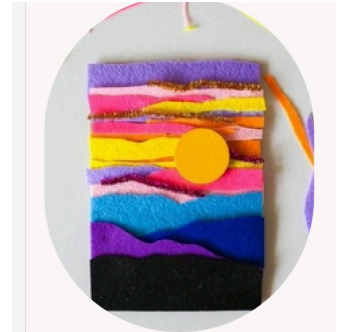
**Scientific Art Adventure: Ages 6 & Up**

**Dates:** July 13-16

**Session 2:** 1-3 pm

**Instructor:** Antonia Cantu

Discover the exciting connection between creativity and discovery in our Science + Art Camp! Throughout this fun-filled Monday-Thursday class, students will explore hands-on experiments and artistic projects that combine science, technology, engineering, and art.



**Paper Maché Monsters: Ages 5-11**

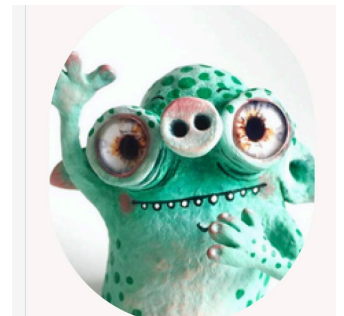
**Dates:** July 13-16

**Session 1:** 9-11am

**Session 2:** 1-3 pm

**Instructor:** Jessica Wiggins

Get messy and creative in our Paper Maché Monsters class! Young artists will design and build their very own silly, spooky, or imaginative monster sculptures using paper mâché, paint, cardboard, and mixed media materials.



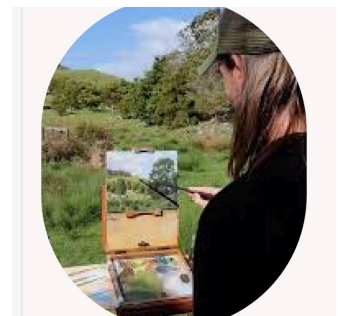
**Painting by the River —Plein Air: Ages 10-15**

**Dates:** July 20-23

**Session 1:** 9-11 am

**Instructor:** Brooke Morse

Join us for a 4-day En Plein Air painting class designed for young artists ages 10-15! Held from 9-11 am each day, this inspiring outdoor class takes place overlooking the beautiful Salmon River in Pulaski, where students will learn to capture the natural landscape using acrylic paint.



**Game Design—Board Game for Kids: Ages 6 & Up**

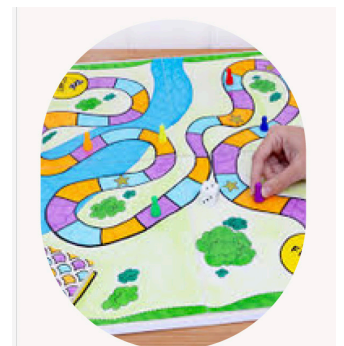
**Dates:** July 20-23

**Session 1:** 9-11 am

**Session 2:** 1-3 pm

**Instructor:** Jessica Wiggins

Step into the world of imagination and strategy in our Board Game Design Camp! Throughout this creative Monday-Thursday class, students will invent, design, and build their very own original board games from start to finish.



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## July Summer Art Camps Continued

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### Watercolor Wonders: Ages 6 and Up

Dates: July 20-23

Session 2: 1-3 pm

Instructor: Brooke Morse

Dive into color and creativity in our Watercolor Bootcamp for Kids! This exciting Monday-Thursday class is designed to help young artists build confidence and skills while exploring the magical world of watercolor painting.



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### Catch & Create—Pokemon Art: Ages 5 & Up

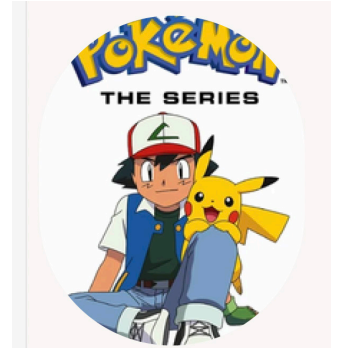
Dates: July 27-30

Session 1: 9-11 am

Session 2: 1-3 pm

Instructor: Brooke Snyder

Catch creativity in our Pokémon Crafts Camp! Throughout this fun-filled Monday-Thursday class, young artists and Pokémon fans will create a variety of exciting Pokémon-inspired crafts using drawing, painting, sculpture, paper art, clay, and mixed media materials.



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### Pottery/Clay Exploration Ages 7 & Up

Dates: July 27-30

Session 1: 9-11 am

Session 2: 1-3 pm

Instructor: Antonia Cantu

Get your hands dirty and explore the world of clay in our Pottery Exploration and Clay Building class! Throughout this creative Monday - Thursday camp, young artists will learn a variety of handbuilding techniques, such as pinching, coiling, slab construction, and texture carving, while creating unique pottery and clay sculptures.



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## Beyond Our Horizons

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*Sweet As a Peach Art Show* — August 22  
Red Creek, NY  
ARTISTS CALL FOR ENTRIES

Artists of all ages are invited to share original artwork at our Sweet As a Peach Art Show.

[Here are the rules and conditions.](#)

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## Be a Volunteer

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

**We are looking for volunteers to assist with our YAE summer camps!  
A super fun way to spend a morning or afternoon!**

**Please contact us if you can help.**

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## Leave a Legacy

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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 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.



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**And finally we leave you with this...**

*“Humans rely on the arts to inspire, to take refuge, to challenge, to awaken. Communities flourish when artists live within them.” — Kathryn Vercillo*

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*Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center*

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## Board of Directors

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