

SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

*Your community art center since 1994.*

# Newsletter

## President's Message

Dear Art Loving Friends,

We all seek a purpose in life. Some people spend a lifetime in search of one ultimate purpose while others move from one purpose to another evolving with life's circumstances at any given moment. For the past six years, as president, my passion and commitment was to "save" and transform the Salmon River Arts Center into the kind of fine arts center that the founders intended when this organization was established over 30 years ago. It is a purpose filled with tremendous satisfaction as well as challenges. Working alongside amazing volunteers to fulfill the mission of educating, engaging and enriching the community through art, together we have accomplished so much. I am proud to say that the arts center is in beautiful shape, the gallery is newly remodeled, there are solid processes and plans in place, and we are secure in our funding to fulfill our mission by offering a variety of art exhibits, classes and programs to enrich the individual and the community at large. We are proud to be a hub for local artists to display and sell work, share studio space and ideas. We encourage the novice to find and nurture their inner artist to bring balance and value in their personal life. I am proud of the work being done here but realize the importance of having "new blood" and new ideas.

My second term as president ends in two months, and I feel this is a good time for me to pass the baton. We are seeking new board members as well as a new president to help ensure that the important work of this organization continues. Although I will step down from the board, I am not abandoning this wonderful organization. I will continue to volunteer and consult as an advisory board member. I will continue to volunteer in the gallery on Thursdays and continue to teach classes as needed. I've worn many hats over the past eight or so years acting as both executive director and president. We aren't looking for one person to do everything that I did, but we do need a point person, a face of the arts center. Someone who appreciates and understands the value of art, but most importantly someone with good social and communication skills. I was thrilled to volunteer after retiring and put my thirty years of corporate marketing and project management to good use for the community I live in. It gave me a purpose. Because we are an all volunteer working board, and everyone has other personal commitments, it is crucial that we get several people to come in and try on some of the hats that are now available. I have no regrets for all the time and energy I have put into this organization. Overseeing a top notch fine arts gallery with a community minded mission is so rewarding and satisfying. Plus, I have made many friends over the years and hope to continue to do so as I shift my purpose. I am eager to share what I have learned and pass on the baton. If you believe in the importance of having this arts center in your community, I ask that you consider taking a turn helping to lead in some capacity. It takes a village.

email [info@SRFAC.org](mailto:info@SRFAC.org) for more information.

with gratitude,  
Ann

March 2026

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### SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

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

#### New Email Address

[info@srfac.org](mailto:info@srfac.org)

#### Gallery Hours through March 7

Thursday, 11 am - 4:30 pm  
Friday, 11 am - 4:30 pm  
Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm

#### NEW Gallery Hours Beginning March 12

Thursday, noon - 6 pm  
Friday, noon - 6 pm  
Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm

Current and Upcoming Shows, Events and Art Opportunities  
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Heart of the Gallery Exhibition  
February 12 - March 7

Oswego County Student Show  
Exhibition: March 12 - April 4

6x6 Community Art Show & FUNdraiser  
Exhibition: April 16 - May 16

Annual Member Meeting  
May 12

Fiber & Fire Exhibition  
May 28-June 27

YAE Student Exhibition  
Date TBD

Sunday Artist Show  
July 9 - August 13

Hooked on the Salmon River  
Juried Exhibit: Aug 27-Oct 10

Member Fall Winter Show  
October 22-January 16

Light Up Pulaski  
Mugs & Makers  
December 6

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

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

Exhibitions & Events

Joan Mullen Tom Lambert  
Howard Preston Diane Melnik  
Heather Hennigan Rochelle Peabody  
Barb Hartman Joanne Henry Kathy Allardice  
Jan von der Heide Vic Ladd-deGraff  
Margie Ledden Jill Eccleston Ann Buchau  
Judy Van Wie **Heart of the Gallery** Brooke Morse  
Harvey Van Wie Patricia Tanner  
Kris Sperati Karen Wheeler Eva Martyniuk  
Neil Tubbs Michael Field Mary Price  
Paula Yerdon Anna Blachman  
Nancy Warner  
Bill King

Heart of the Gallery Art Exhibition  
through March 7

Be sure to visit our grand reopening exhibition featuring the vibrant art of the volunteers who made our reopening possible -- they are the heart of the gallery.



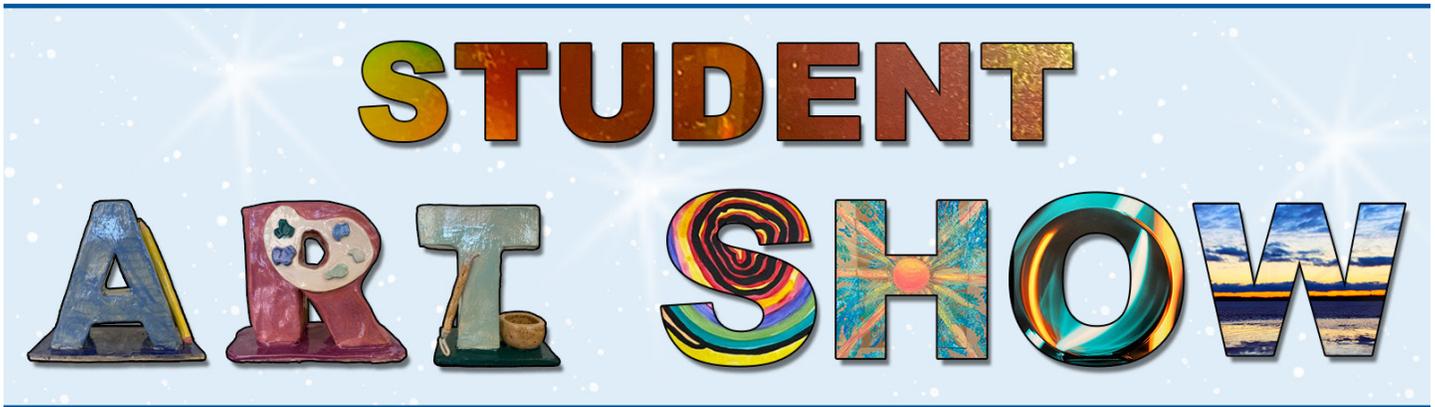
Scenes from Our Heart of the Gallery  
Opening Reception

Thank you everyone for making this event spectacular.

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## Exhibition & Events Continued

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### Oswego County Student Art Show

Exhibition: March 12 - April 4

Awards Ceremony: Sunday, March 15, 1 pm

Don't miss our always exciting Oswego County Student Art Show, with over 500 artworks showcasing the amazing student talent in our schools. This spring marks our 30th annual student show; we are grateful for the enthusiastic community support.

We need many volunteers to help with this show. Could you please spare some time?

[Here's how you can help.](#)

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### 6 x 6 Community Art Show & FUNdraiser

Submit Artwork: April 2-4 & 9-11

Exhibition: April 16 - May 16

Call for entries! You and the whole community are invited to make 6x6-inch pieces of art for our seventh annual 6 x 6 FUNdraiser. You don't need to be an artist to create. Any age, any medium — as long as it is 6 inches by 6 inches. All art will be hung anonymously and sold to benefit the arts center! [Check our website](#) to read the prospectus and to download submission forms.

Not sure what to make? We are lining up a lot of 6 x 6 classes this month to help you create! See classes below.

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## March 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.



**January 6 x 6 Classes**  
**Dates & Times Noted Below**  
**Ages: Adults/Teen**

We are offering a variety of 6 x 6 classes in March, featuring making art in 6-inch x 6-inch formats, which you can keep or donate to the 6 x 6 Community Art Show FUNdraiser. All classes listed below.

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**6 x 6 Textured Ceramic Tile**

**Instructor: Paula Yerdon**

**Friday, March 6, 4-5:30 pm**

**Fee: \$30.00 (25% off for members \$22.50)\***

Join us for a hands-on clay workshop where you will design and create your own 6” x 6” textured ceramic tile! In this one-day class you will experiment with tools, stamps, found objects, and carving techniques to build rich surface texture and pattern. Create one tile as a standalone art piece, a trivet, a wall hanging, or the start of a larger series. This class is beginner-friendly and perfect for anyone who loves tactile, creative play. Leave with a finished tile ready to dry and be fired (glazing options may be available during open studio times). All materials included. [Sign up on Square](#).

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**6 x 6 Embroidery & Sewing: Fabric Scrap Art**

**Instructor: Charlotte Besaw**

**Wednesday, March 11, 6:00–7:30 PM**

**Age: Adults 14+**

**Fee: \$20.00 (25% off for members: \$15.00)\***

Join us for a cozy and creative evening of stitching, texture, and self-expression! In this beginner-friendly embroidery and sewing class, students will create a one-of-a-kind 6x6 textile artwork using fabric scraps, thread, beads, and embellishments. Charlotte Besaw will guide participants through simple sewing and embroidery techniques, showing how to layer materials, add decorative stitching, and build visual interest through texture and detail. All materials will be supplied. [Sign up on Square](#).

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

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### 6 x 6 Alcohol Ink: Spring Florals

**Instructor:** Robin Eaton Novak

**Saturday, March 14, 1-4 pm**

**Age:** Adult (14+)

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

Celebrate the season of renewal with a vibrant 6x6 alcohol ink workshop inspired by spring florals! In this fun and beginner-friendly class, students will explore the exciting, unpredictable beauty of alcohol inks while creating colorful floral-inspired abstract designs. Robin Eaton Novak will guide participants through techniques such as blending, layering, lifting, and creating soft petal-like movements using tools like air, brushes, and alcohol solution. Each student will create three 6x6 mini artworks, perfect for framing, gifting, or displaying together as a cheerful spring series. All materials provided. No experience necessary. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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### 6 x 6 Collaborative Acrylic Painting Class

**Instructor:** Brooke Snyder

**Saturday, March 14, 5-7 pm**

**Age:** 12 and up

**Fee \$20.00 (25% off for members: \$15.00)**

In this class you will spend 3 to 5 minutes adding your unique touch to a 6x6 canvas. At the end of the short time limit, you will pass your canvas on to another artist in the class to add to it. We will continue passing and adding to each canvas until it is complete. The result will be a unique 6x6 artwork painted by many different artists. This is a chance for art lovers to come together and share our own painting styles and skillsets to create something that could not be done alone. Each person may create multiple paintings during this class. Donation of the paintings created during this class to the art center for the 6x6 art show is strongly encouraged but not required. All materials will be supplied. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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### 6 x 6 Bird Acrylic Painting Class

**Instructor:** Brooke Snyder

**Saturday, March 21, 12 pm - 2:30 pm**

**Age:** 12 and up

**Fee \$20.00 (25% off for members: \$15.00)**

In this class you will learn to blend and smooth acrylics for the background creating a circular gradient called a vignette. When painting the bird we will use precise brushstrokes with small detail brushes. Layering of different colors will add depth and make your painting realistic. This class is a chance to slow down and enjoy the process. Donation of the paintings created during this class to the art center for the 6x6 art show is strongly encouraged but not required. All materials will be supplied. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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

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### 6 x 6 DryPoint Etching on Plexiglass

**Instructor:** Ann Buchau

**Sunday, March 22, 1-3 pm**

**Age:** Adult (14+)

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

Explore the versatile world of drypoint printmaking using Plexiglass! This hands-on workshop will teach you how to prepare a small plexiglass plate, etch your image, and properly ink and print a small series with your etched plate. Unlike traditional metal, Plexiglass offers a transparent surface for easy image tracing and a soft texture to easily carve a variety of etched lines. Using a tabletop press, you will print a small edition of prints, as well as learn hand-burnishing techniques so you can continue your practice at home without a press. Whether you're a seasoned artist or a total beginner, you'll leave with a series of custom prints and the skills to keep etching on your own. Donation of a print created during this class to the art center for the 6x6 art show is strongly encouraged but not required. All materials will be supplied. [Sign up on Square.](#)

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### 6 x 6 Chipmunk Acrylic Painting Class

**Instructor:** Brooke Snyder

**Saturday, March 28, 9:30 am -11:30 am**

**Age:** 12 and up

**Fee \$20.00 (25% off for members: \$15.00)**

In this class you will learn to paint the flowers in the background loosely with acrylics. Instead of zooming in on our reference image to put every shadow and speck just so, it is much better to loosely paint the big shapes and add different colors and textures to give the illusion of what you are trying to depict. After completing the background we will use a bit more of a detailed approach for the chipmunk while still remaining fairly loose in application. This class is very beginner friendly and appeals especially to an impressionist style painter. If you're not sure about painting but have always wanted to try, this is the best place to start! Donation of the paintings created during this class to the art center for the 6x6 art show is strongly encouraged but not required. All materials will be supplied.

[Sign up on Square.](#)

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## Free Classes & Art Opportunities

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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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## Free Classes & 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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## Robert S. Shineman Foundation YAE Afterschool Spring Art Club 2026

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These 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 a grant from the Richard S. Shineman Foundation.

Elementary ART Program (ages 5-10) 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Elementary & Middle/High School ART Program (ages 5+) 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: 8 (first come; first served) | Sign up at the Arts Center or on our [Square Site](#).

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### March Session: Dioramas

Elementary Class (ages 5-10)

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24

Sorry! Class sold out.

Elementary & Middle -High School Class (5+)

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26

[Sign up on Square.](#)

### *Build a tiny world with a big imagination!*

Step into a world of mini-making in this exciting 4-day Diorama Workshop! Elementary students will work with instructor Jessica Wiggins, and MS/HS students will create with instructor Karen Allen as they design and build their very own shadow box dioramas. Using a mix of found materials, textured surfaces, and Sculpey clay, students will sculpt characters, build environments, and bring a story or scene to life inside a three-dimensional frame. This hands-on class encourages imagination, creativity, and problem-solving as students transform everyday materials into detailed miniature worlds they can proudly take home and display.

Instructors: Jessica Wiggins (Elementary) and Karen Allen (Middle/HS)





# MENTAL HEALTH Art Show



## A QUIET MOMENT; A BREAK FROM THE CHAOS



*When:*

**April 10, 2026  
4:30PM-7:00PM**

*Where:*

**CNY Fulton Arts  
Center:  
121 Cayuga St  
Fulton, NY 13069**

Multiple artforms  
accepted.

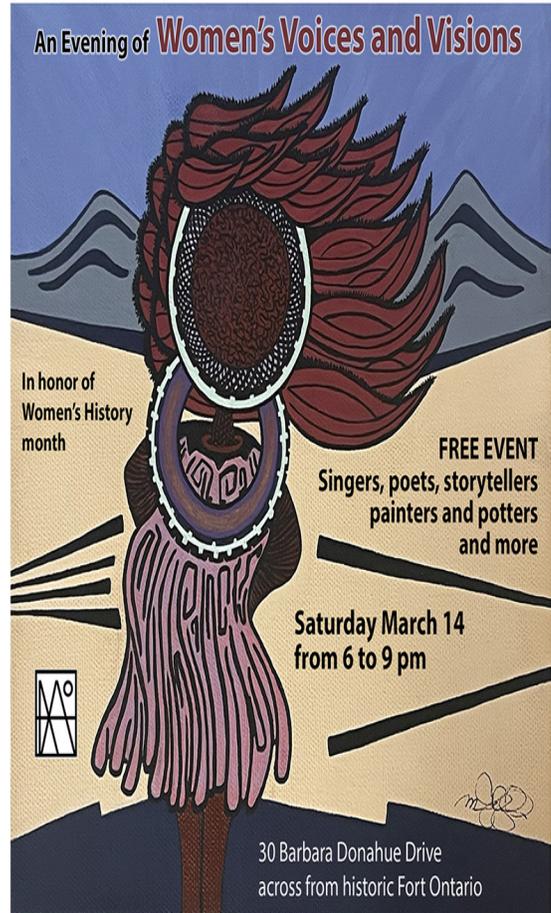
Must be aged 12 or  
older to enter.

All artwork must follow OCHD guidelines and be submitted online to the Oswego County Health Department by **March 27, 2026**. The OCHD reserves the right to not display artwork that is not appropriate for all ages.

Questions? Contact [OCHDHealthEd@oswegocounty.com](mailto:OCHDHealthEd@oswegocounty.com)



Call for entries: The Oswego County Health Department invites you to submit visual art to the Oswego County Health Department and CNY Arts Center 2026 Mental Health Art Show. Oswego County residents or students 12+ are encouraged to submit visual art on the theme of “A Quiet Moment: A Break from the Chaos.” The submission deadline is March 27, and the show opens on April 10. Here is the registration link: [tally.so/r/wv6gaA](https://tally.so/r/wv6gaA)



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### Women's Voices & Visions

A special invitation to a special event. On Saturday, March 14, 6-9 pm, The Art Association of Oswego is celebrating Women's History Month by inviting female performers and readers to share songs and stories, and local women to display artwork. If you are interested in participating, you can contact [william.demott99@gmail.com](mailto:william.demott99@gmail.com). For more information, see the Art Association of Oswego: [oswegoarts.org](http://oswegoarts.org)

## 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 especially need help with the Oswego County Student Art Show, which opens March 12. Could you please volunteer to help honor our student artists? See details.

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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, 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.



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

*“An artist is not paid for his labor but for his vision.” — James McNeill Whistler*

*Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center*

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## Board of Directors

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**Ann Buchau** – President  
**Tom Lambert** – Vice President  
**Rochelle Peabody** – Secretary  
**Judy Van Wie** – Treasurer

**Joan Mullen** – Director  
**Patricia Tanner** – Director