Salmon River Fine Arts Center

Your community art center since 1994.

Newsletter

Greetings Members, Artists, Volunteers, and Friends,



My name is Tom Lambert. I live in Port Ontario with my wife, Ann Buchau. We moved to the area eleven years ago to be closer to our daughter, son-in-law, and four of our grandchildren. While we love being able to help with our grandchildren locally, we also have two other children—one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast—bringing our total to eight grandchildren.

Pulaski is such a beautiful place to live, and I truly love the change of seasons here. My interests include hiking and kayaking, as I love being out in nature. I also enjoy spending time creating in my woodshop. I prefer working with local hardwoods to create various woodworking projects, including furniture and custom hardwood frames for the center's annual 6x6 fundraiser.

My wife is an artist, and we have both always been strong supporters of the arts. I volunteer at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center because I deeply care about our community and want to help make it a better place. Over the past six years of my involvement, I have helped with numerous renovations, including installing sheetrock, adding the new slatwall in the member gallery, fitting and finishing the cherry countertops at the register, and building the freestanding walls and many of the display pedestals for the gallery. In the pottery studio, I built the large adjustable workbench and assembled the pottery wheels and slab roller.

While I have been involved with most of the physical improvements you see at the art center, our most recent renovations were a team effort. I had the privilege of working alongside a few key volunteers, including Bill King, Howard Preston, and Jan von der Heide. In addition to serving as a board member, I sit on the gallery committee and most recently coordinated the "Hooked on the Salmon River" art show and exhibition. I am continually amazed at how many talented artists that we have in our community.

Beyond my work with the SRFAC, I'm also a volunteer with the Voices of Reason, a non-partisan organization focused on defending our democracy for We The People. Additionally, I am also a board member and the Artistic Director for the Oswego Music Hall. In that role, I am responsible for discovering new music, attending festivals and concerts, and booking talented singer-songwriters to perform at the venue. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it!

If you haven't been to the art center recently please consider taking a class, entering a show, or just stopping by to say hi and to see some of the amazing art in the Member Show. Here's a tip, the art center is also a great place to find special, locally made, one-of-a-kind gifts in our member gallery! Support local art!

All the best,
Tom

November 2026

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

Current and Upcoming Shows, Events and Art Opportunities

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

Mark your calendar!

Member Fall-Winter Show
Exhibition: through January 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 a day-to-day view of our events and classes, check our new online calendar

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

Exhibitions & Events



Member Fall-Winter Show 2026-2027
through January 16

Be sure to come in during gallery hours to see our Member Fall-Winter Show, a collection of fine artwork created by our talented Fine Arts Center Members. It will delight and inspire you. And you might find that perfect new artwork to brighten your home or someone else's.



Scenes from our Member Fall-Winter Show Opening Reception.
Thank you to everyone who made this special evening very special.

Thank YOU Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who helped to hang and tag our Member Fall-Winter Show: Anna Blachman, Ann Buchau, Sandy Davis, Robin Eaton-Novak, Michael Field, Heather Hennigan, Dyan Melnik, Rebecca Moshaty, Judy Van Wie, Kate Walsh, Karen Wheeler.



Ornament Sale — Until December 19

Come in to see our beautiful display of ornaments hand crafted by our members. Ornaments make great gifts for teachers and friends, lovely decorations for holiday packages, and great ways to add holiday cheer to your home.

Exhibitions & Events Continued



Our first Member Gallery Spotlight series featuring Craig Anderson was a success! Thank you to everyone who came out to support this special show. **We are pleased to announce that we are donating $3,300 in art sales from the show to the Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS at Massachusetts General Hospital.** This center accelerates clinical trials and therapy development, and every dollar of our donation goes directly to fund ALS research. While the Member Gallery Spotlight will take a brief hiatus over the holidays, the gallery committee is already working to bring you another featured artist in January. As a reminder, the goal of this series is to highlight distinct artists based on three criteria: supporting charitable causes, recognizing dedicated member volunteers, or showcasing student work.

FIRST ANNUAL

Artful Trifecta Fundraiser

Create a little art. Make a BIG difference!

3 Months | 2nd Saturday | 1 Great Cause!

Buy a Trifecta Pass for all three projects and save!
$60 all 3 sessions.
$25 each, purchased in advance.
$30 each, at the door.

November's Art Project

Saturday, Nov 14

Paint a Leather Feather



Mini FUNdraising Art Project

Saturday, November 14, 1-5 pm. Drop in anytime between 1 and 5 pm for a quick, 30-minute "make and take" project.

No experience needed. A complimentary snack will be provided. All ages welcome (children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

November 14: Paint a Leather Feather. Feathers are pre-made and laced, ready for you to paint and make your own.

Buy the Trifecta Pass or individual tickets.
Support our local arts center.

Proceeds from this fundraiser go to support the Young Artist Experience (YAE) Summer Art Camp program held at the Arts Center July - August.

Announcements

Winner of the Popular Vote for the Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition

For every show we ask viewers to vote for their favorite artwork. Congratulations to Grace Levack who won the popular vote for the Hooked on the Salmon River Exhibition for her painting titled "*Salmon River Falls (After Rainfall)*"





THANK YOU to the Greater Pulaski Community Endowment Fund for their generous support for our work in enhancing our community through the fine arts. We are honored to be a 2026 Grant Recipient and grateful to be in a community that recognizes and rewards the important contributions of nonprofit organizations.

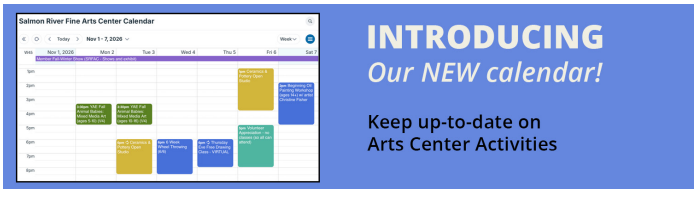


Shop Local at the Arts Center for handmade holiday ornaments, unique holiday cards, handmade jewelry and pottery, art supplies, and an extensive selection of original artwork and prints.

Gallery items 10% off
(memberships and classes excluded).
Extended hours.



Please note:
our new gallery hours began November 1.



Introducing our new at-a-glance events calendar showing all our activities, available on our website from our Shows page and our Classes page. Be sure to check it often.

Announcements

SALMON RIVER FINE ARTS CENTER

Keep the Arts Alive in Pulaski!

Renew Your Membership
Become a Member

It's that time of year again to renew your calendar-year membership with the Salmon River Fine Arts Center.
Renew online: Salmon River Fine Arts Center Memberships
Not a member yet? Join today. Memberships start at just $30/year for individuals.

Your support helps us keep classes, open studios, and local art exhibits running right here in downtown Pulaski. Plus, members enjoy class discounts, reduced show entry fees and the chance to display and sell artwork in our gallery!

*Not sure when your membership expires? Contact Anna Blachman via email **(anna.blachman@srfac.org)** or call the gallery **(315-298-7007)** during business hours.*

November 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.

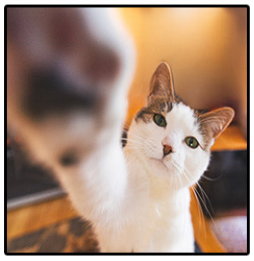


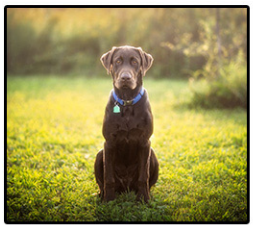
Alcohol Ink Autumn Leaf Tile
Instructor: Robin Eaton-Novak
Saturday, November 7, 10 am – 12 pm
Ages: Adults (16 and older)
Fee: $28 members / $35 non-members
Join us for a fun and colorful fall project with alcohol ink! Participants will explore the vibrant, fluid qualities of alcohol inks while creating a beautiful fall landscape and autumn leaf artwork on a tile size of your choosing . We'll experiment with blending, layering, and using blow pens to move and manipulate the ink, then add detail and texture with Sharpie and white markers. No previous experience is necessary. All materials will be supplied. *Note: Alcohol fumes may irritate sensitive lungs, and isopropyl can irritate skin. Masks and gloves will be available upon request. Please wear appropriate clothes for painting, and feel free to bring your own apron. Art smocks will be available as well.*

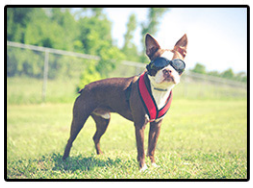
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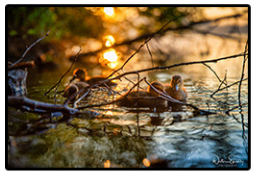


Beginning Oil Painting Workshop
Instructor: Christine Fisher
Saturday, November 7, 2-5 pm
Ages: Adult (14+)
Materials: Will be provided. Feel free to bring your own
Fee: $32 members / $40 non-members*
Whether you have never picked up an oil paintbrush or are looking to refresh your skills, this workshop will introduce you to the fundamentals of working with oils in a relaxed and supportive environment. Students will learn about basic oil painting materials and how to use them; color mixing and creating a balanced palette; different brushwork and application techniques; blending and layering; creating light, shadow, form, and depth; how to build a painting from start to finish; and tips and techniques to continue practicing at home. No previous oil painting experience is required! All skill levels are welcome. Students will leave with a small completed still-life painting, new techniques, and the confidence to continue exploring oil painting on their own. **Sign up on Square.**











Pet & Animal Photography:
Capturing Personality, Expression & Action
Instructor: Walter Sheehey
Saturday, Nov 14, 10 am - Noon
Ages: Adult/Teen
Skill Level: Beginner / Introductory
Fee: $32 members/ $40 non-members
Love taking pictures of your pets? Learn how to take better ones! Photographing animals can be both challenging and incredibly rewarding. Join photographer Walter Sheehey for a two-hour, beginner-friendly class exploring techniques and creative approaches that can help you create better photographs of pets and animals. The class will cover choosing the right camera settings for pets and animals; choosing the best shutter speed, aperture and ISO; using autofocus; capturing sharp eyes and expressions; using composition and perspective; working with natural light; photographing pets indoors; photographing animals in motion; anticipating behavior and capturing the decisive moment; creating portraits that show personality; recognizing and avoiding common mistakes.

No previous photography experience is required. Whether you're photographing your own dog, cat, horse, bird or other favorite animal, you'll leave with practical techniques you can put to use the next time you pick up your camera. This will be an instructional, demonstration-based class, so no live animals will be present. Bring your questions, your camera if you'd like, and your love of animals!
Sign up on Square.

November Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities



Watercolor Refresh: Pumpkins
Instructor: Addison McCullough
Sunday, November 15, 10:30-Noon
Ages: Adults (14+)
Skill Level: Beginner
Fee: $24 members/$30 non-members
Discover the fundamentals of watercolor painting in this hands-on introductory class! Students will learn how to confidently use their watercolor palette while exploring color mixing, brush control, layering, and essential watercolor techniques. Through guided practice and experimentation, students will learn how to create washes, blend colors, build layers, control water and pigment, and understand how different brushes can create different effects. By the end of the class, students will have put their new skills together to create their own finished watercolor painting to take home. No previous watercolor experience is necessary. This class is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to strengthen their watercolor foundations. All materials will be supplied. Sign up on Square.



Fused Glass Christmas Ornament
Instructor: Heather Hennigan
Date: Saturday, November 21, 11 am – 1 pm
Ages: Adults (16 and older)
Maximum enrollment: 10
Fee: $28 members / $35 non-members*
Get into the holiday spirit with a festive fused glass ornament class! Create your own one-of-a-kind Christmas decoration using colorful glass pieces, sparkling accents, and your imagination. Participants can design a variety of holiday-inspired ornaments, including Christmas trees, wreaths, snowmen, snowflakes, stars, candy canes, and more! Whether you prefer a traditional Christmas design or something whimsical and unique, you'll have the opportunity to create a beautiful piece of art to hang on your tree or give as a handmade gift. No previous glassworking experience is necessary. All materials provided. Your finished ornament will be kiln-fired after class and available for pickup when completed. Sign up on Square.



Enamel Painted Glass Christmas Ornament
Instructor: Heather Hennigan
Sunday, November 22, 11 am – 1 pm
Ages: Adults (16 and older)
Fee: $28 members / $35 non-members
Create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind ornament in this fun and creative glass enamel painting class! Students will choose an ornament design and use colorful glass enamels to paint their own unique artwork directly onto the glass. Once completed, the ornament will be kiln-fired, permanently fusing the enamel to the glass to create a lasting, colorful piece of art. No prior painting experience is necessary—just bring your creativity and enjoy exploring this unique glass art technique! All materials included. Sign up on Square.

November Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities



Free Drawing Class
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.

Please note: The Pottery Studio is closed the week of **November 9th.**
No open Studio Tuesday, November 10 or Friday, November 13.



from a recent free senior class at Springbrook

YAE (Young Artist Experience) Art Programs

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!

November Session: Fall Animal Babies: Mixed Media Art

Group 1 Mondays
Nov 2, 9, 16 & 23

Sorry, class is full.

Group 2 Tuesdays
Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24

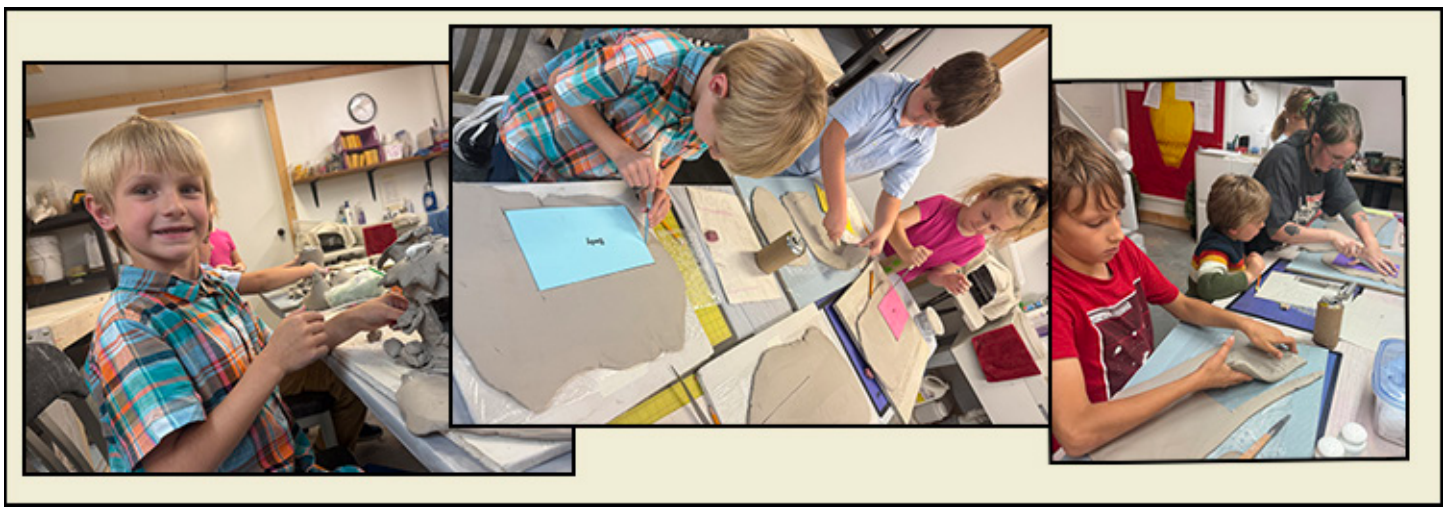
Sign up on Square.



Cuddle up with creativity and a whole forest of fall creatures!

Celebrate the magic of fall by exploring the adorable world of baby woodland animals through painting, drawing, and mixed media! Young artists will use a variety of materials and techniques to create playful artwork inspired by fox kits, fawns, owlets, squirrels, and other fall animal babies. Students will experiment with drawing, painting, texture, collage, and layering to bring their animal creations to life while learning about shapes, colors, patterns, and the natural world around them. Come get creative, get a little messy, and bring your favorite fall animal babies to life!

Instructor: Brooke Snyder



YAE students at the after school program at the Arts Center

Be a Volunteer



Everyone has something different to offer. What can you do to help us spread the joy of art in our community? We are always looking for volunteers to join us to help keep this incredible organization going. 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 us with marketing or graphic design.
* Join a committee and share your ideas.
* Help keep our center neat and tidy.
* 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…

"Imagination is more important than knowledge." — Albert Einstein

Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center

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