

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

Newsletter

Hello All!

My name is Dyan Melnik. My husband and I live in West Monroe. I am a retired Optician from the Hudson Valley, and we came to this area because my husband loves to fish.

Photography was my first love in my teenage years and becoming an Optician really made me aware of the value of the wonderful gift of sight. I still enjoy photography all these many years later. About 30 years ago, I began creating traditional foiled stained glass art which morphed into creating mosaics. I just love the play of light through glass and the beautiful colors.

I was fortunate to find the Salmon River Fine Arts Center and love being a part of the local art community. I teach stained glass mosaics and regularly host the gallery so I get to meet the wonderful people who also appreciate the beautiful artwork of our talented community. Our current exhibit, "Hooked on the Salmon River," highlights this beautiful area and the amazing artists we have.

As a board member and volunteer coordinator, I'm always on the hunt for anyone who would enjoy being a part of our Art Center and can help volunteer a few hours a month. We'd love to have you on our team! Don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Warm regards,
Dyan Melnik,
Board Member and Volunteer Coordinator



October 2026

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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!

**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



Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Art Exhibition 2026

Sponsored by Douglaston Salmon Run

Exhibition through October 10

Only two weeks left to see our seventh annual Hooked on the Salmon River Juried Exhibition, featuring 69 pieces of fine art and fine craft from 26 area artists. It is a unique opportunity to view our region through the eyes of local creators. See the exhibit Thursday - Saturday during gallery hours at the Arts Center.

When you visit, vote for your favorite artwork. We will announce the winner of "the people's choice" after the show.

*Thank you to
our sponsors*



There were nearly 25 visitors at our opening reception for our first Member Gallery Spotlight Exhibit featuring renowned watercolorist Craig Anderson. His paintings, which are on display until October 10, show the pastoral beauty of the rural area. They can also be seen and purchased from [our Square site](#).

[Check out this article from Syracuse University's Daily Orange on our Craig Anderson exhibit.](#)

Exhibitions & Events Continued

Member Fall Winter Show Call for Entries

Kevin Blewett | Golden Eagle



Kevin Blewett | On the Hunt



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

Winter Mini **FUN**draising Series November, December & January

- 1** Day/Month
- 1** Mini Art Project
- 1** Treasure to Take Home

*Join Us! Help Support Art in Our Community!
More Info in October*



For Class Details
See:

Our Website

Square

Facebook

Our Calendar

Our Gallery
Attendants at
the Arts Center

October 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.



Linoleum Block Printmaking: Print Your Own Halloween Designs

Instructor: Jessica Wiggins

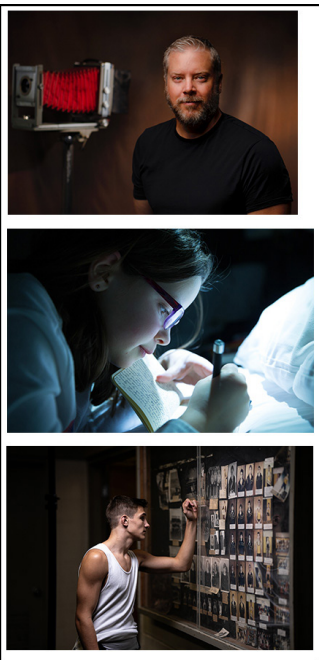
Fri, Oct 9 & Fri, Oct 16 | 5:30-7:30 pm

Skill Level: Beginner/Introductory

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

Get into the spooky spirit with two evenings of Halloween-inspired printmaking! In this hands-on adult/teen class, you'll create your own original spooky design and learn the basics of printmaking. Think creepy-crawlies, mysterious moons, black cats, haunted houses, strange botanicals, and anything else delightfully spooky that inspires you!

But we won't stop at paper! Once you've created your print, you'll use it to print your design onto canvas totes, bags, shirts, and other creative surfaces. We'll experiment with different materials and see just how many things we can turn into one-of-a-kind Halloween creations. No previous printmaking experience is necessary. [Sign up on Square](#).



Composition Bootcamp:

See Better. Compose Better. Make Better Photographs.

Instructor: Walter Sheehy

Sat, Oct 10 | 10:00 am - Noon

Skill Level: Beginner/Introductory

Fee: \$32 members/\$40 non-members

Have you ever taken a photograph that looked great through the viewfinder, but somehow didn't work when you looked at it later? The problem may not be your camera. It may be **composition**. Join us for **Composition Bootcamp**, a fast-paced, hands-on photography class designed to help you understand why some photographs grab your attention while others fall flat.

In this two-hour class, we'll explore the fundamental tools photographers use to create stronger, more compelling images. **No advanced photography experience is required.** Bring your camera, whether it's a DSLR, mirrorless camera or smartphone, bring your curiosity, and get ready to start seeing your photographs differently! [Sign up on Square](#).

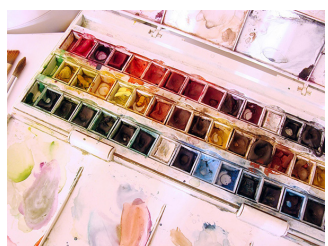
October Adult & Teen Art Classes & Art Opportunities Continued



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!**

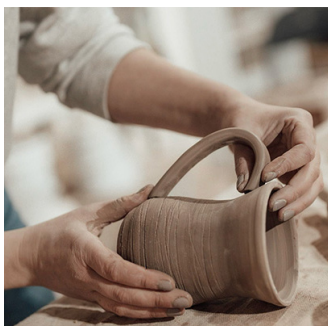


2-D Open Studio

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.



A Narrow Escape by Milton Franson. 1st Place | 3-D and Fine Craft | Hooked on Salmon River Juried Exhibition.

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!

October Session: **Ceramic Fairy Houses & Toadstools**

Group 1

with Brooke Morse

Tuesdays,

Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Group 2

with Joan Mullen

Thursdays,

Oct 8, 15, 22 & 29

Build a little magic with clay!

Step into an enchanted world where fairy houses, whimsical toadstools, and tiny treasures come to life!

In this hands-on ceramics class, young artists will learn how to shape, texture, and decorate clay while creating their own magical fairy-inspired creations. Students will explore basic hand-building techniques, experiment with texture and color, and discover how clay transforms from soft and sculptable to a finished ceramic piece after firing.

Let your imagination grow wild as you build, decorate and create your own little piece of fairyland!

Instructors:

Tuesdays with Brooke Morse

Thursdays with Joan Mullen



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 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...
“Don’t wait for inspiration. It comes while working.” — Henri Matisse

Your Friends at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center

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