

Annual Meeting Saturday, Jan. 12, 10 AM All Members and Friends Invited



All members of the Yates County Art Center (YCAC) are invited to come to our annual membership meeting on Saturday, January 12, at 10 AM. Join us for coffee and breakfast treats as we recount the year's accomplishments and elect our newest board members, and officers.

Nominees for board membership include Mary Harmony, Sandy Murrin, Elisabeth Haynes and Lois Agliata; nominations are also accepted from the floor. Proposed officers for 2008 include Ginny Deneka, President; Barbara Pinckney, and secretary; Bill Bailey, treasurer. Nominations for president elect are welcomed.

Major Grants Awarded YCAC from New York State Council on the Arts



Funds to partially support the executive director position, plus a generous grant to underwrite increased programming, have been awarded YCAC directly by NYSCA, the New York State Council on the Arts. Together these total \$12,000.

Within the county, there are merely six establishments in the category of Arts, entertainment and recreation. YCAC is the only organization offering an expansive program of multi-media arts programming. By offering a variety of programming at different times of day throughout the year, by expanding our publicity and public outreach efforts, and by keeping our workshop fees low, we expect to help an even broader constituency come to think of YCAC as a place they can turn to for hands-on-cultural experiences.

YCAC provides intergenerational classes and will continue to expand its children's after school classes, and weekend and summer workshops. A summer youth Musical Theater Workshop will be continued. The installation of new audio and video equipment will enable YCAC to offer courses in Art history. These grants are the keystone to growth for the Yates County Arts Center in 2008.

Annual Board Retreat

YCAC's annual Board Retreat will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 from 9AM until 3PM at the Cobblestone Springs Retreat Center at 4306 Lakemont-Himrod Road – north of Shannon Corners Road. Board members and nominees will spend that day talking about YCAC in 2008 and making some exciting plans. Working from 2008 calendars, they will apply their willingness to participate to our new thoughts and ideas. Cobblestone will provide lunch and coffee, as well as meeting spaces. This annual event focuses our leadership on our goals, creates a team approach, and always proves to be an energizing day.



Board Members:Class of 2007

Joyce Hunt
Nancy Langford
Beverly Oben
Jean Welch

Class of 2008

Willie Bilancio
Sam Castner
Ginny Deneka
Bob Kinney
Howard LeVant
Barbara Pinckney
Don Sottile
Bill Bailey

Class of 2009

Carol Conti
Peter Loughnane
Kent Salisbury
Sally Thomas

Executive Director

Fran Blik

The vision of YCAC is to enhance and enrich life in Yates County through education and the advancement of the arts.

To this end, we plan, promote, and develop art programs and projects; coordinate, schedule, and publicize events; develop and maintain physical facilities.

Programs of YCAC are supported by an annual grant from the Yates County Legislature, from commissions collected on Gallery sales, and by

YCAC programs are supported in part with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts - Decentralization Program, which is administered locally by Finger Lakes Arts Grants & Services.

**From our Executive Director:**

Dear Members & Friends of Yates County Arts Center,

My sincere thanks for your support of the Yates County Arts Center during 2007. As Workshop Coordinator for several years, I have seen your support for our programs grow each year. In 2007 we were able to offer several new initiatives: Printmaking: Solarplate (Adults) and Simply Printmaking (Children), Oil Painting in the Old Masters Style, a week-long class in Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain, Pastel Landscape Painting, and Painting for Kids. Please let me know if you have any ideas for new classes you would like us to offer at YCAC during the upcoming year.

I look forward to serving you in my new role as Executive Director of Yates County Arts Center and will diligently work with the YCAC Board of Directors to continuously improve the organization and ensure YCAC's role as a vital and integral part of our community. As we begin the new year of 2008 I invite you to participate more fully in the programs and services at the Arts Center. Opportunities exist for volunteering as a docent or workshop assistant, learning a new artistic or craft skill, leadership roles, sharing your talents as an instructor, hosting an exhibit opening reception, distributing YCAC advertising brochures/cards, to name a few. Special thanks to all of you who already volunteer at YCAC. You are greatly appreciated and without you we would not exist.

Please contact me at fblik@htva.net or at 607-227-2475 if you have questions, suggestions, requests for classes to add to our schedule, or to offer to be a volunteer. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

- Fran Blik, Executive Director

Who are the Proposed New Board Members?

We have some wonderfully qualified and highly motivated nominees for Board positions: Mary Harmony, Lois Agliata, Sandy Murrin, and Elisabeth Haynes.

Mary Harmony is an exhibiting artist at YCAC, making jewelry under the name "Gypsy Dreams". She is also a writer and poet and a member of the Red Jacket Writers. Mary is very knowledgeable about the world of grants in the arts, having worked for Finger Lakes Arts Grants and Services (FLAGS), which for years has been our granting agency for New York State arts dissemination grants.

Lois Agliata is a long-time supporter of YCAC, usually seen at openings and events. She is employed at the Council on Alcoholism and Addictions. Years ago Lois was among the organizers of the Keuka Arts Festival held at Keuka College.

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Gallery Closed for Annual Facelift During January
February Exhibit: "Escape from Winter"
 Paintings by Juanita Link and Glass Art by Manny Quinones

Reception Sunday, February 3, 1:00-3:00 PM

Bringing new artists into the Gallery is always exciting! For our February re-opening, Rochester area artist Juanita Link will be exhibiting at The Gallery for her first time, and Corning's Manny Quinones is returning after several years' absence.

Juanita Link is primarily an oil painter of realistic landscapes and seascapes. Recently, She also began painting in watercolors. She began drawing and painting as a child, took art in high school and classes at both the Albright Art School in Buffalo, N.Y. and at the State University of New York at Buffalo. After taking several years off to raise a family, she resumed painting.



Juanita has also taken many classes and workshops from artists we have known and loved, among them Judy Soprano, David Braun, Wendy Gwertzman, Bernie Gertsner, and Bing Thayer. She has exhibited at dozens of shows in Western New York, and has received awards ranging from honorable mention to best of show. Her paintings hang in private collections in several states and in Europe.

And here's what Manny says about his becoming an artist:

"The year was 1977 (I think), the event was a class field trip , the place was Vitrix Hot Glass Studio in Corning NY. The music was blasting and three or four guys were running around the studio making ornaments at a frantic pace. It seemed the glass was flying everywhere and my eyes could barely keep up. Someone was talking but I wasn't listening. All I heard was, "so does anyone have any questions ?" I quickly raised my hand and asked "How can I get a job here ?" Someone laughed , "Does anyone have any other questions ?" No one did so we left.

"Fast forward ten years. I had forgotten about the class trip, until I really did need a job. I walked past Vitrix and thought " Yeah I remember that place." I applied twice and was turned down. The studio next door, Brand & Greenburg Glass hired me and I apprenticed under Alex Brand for 10 years. I ran my own studio for two years, Man E.Q. Glass. Also worked for Christian Thirion , Steuben

Glass , and Lost Angel Glass. I have studied under or taken workshops under Petr Novotny , Bill Underneath , and Lino Tagliapietra and others. As of yet I have no BFA , MFA or PHD. However

I am proud to say that I apprenticed in the old world style of hard work and acquisition of skill via the repetition of production work , no degree can get you that. I am a student of life and that should account for something.

"Guess what ? In 2005 Vitrix asked if I would come work for them. I said yes and if some little kid asks about getting a job I promise I wont laugh. I'll just smile and know. "



Experimental Watermedia Workshop With Karen Rosasco Coming in July

Karen teaches experimental watermedia workshops throughout the USA. The curriculum will cover the following:

- Layered Acrylic Technique
- Over Charcoal Technique
- Collage Technique
- Drag Technique
- Layered Mixed Media Technique
- Textured Gel Medium Technique

Dates: July 14-18

Time: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Cost: \$200 M / \$250 NM

Location: The Upstairs Workshop at
Yates County Arts Center

See Karen's website at www.karenrosasco.com

Other Upcoming Classes:

- Oil Painting Classes begin April 29th,
- Painting for Kids begins April 29th



New Board Nominees, Continued

Sandy Murrin is the retired Executive Director of Child and Family Resources (CFR) of Yates and Ontario Counties. CFR is a not for profit organization that supports the profession of Child Care through State and Federal Contracts and CFR supports Families especially "families at risk" through state and local contracts. She has held management positions in the Non Profit field for almost 35 years serving on a number of boards of directors. Sandy says, "I enjoy organizational processes and people who make a difference. I want to be part of the Arts Council because I know the leadership in the past few years have taken it to a place of recognition and community pride. And most of those are people I know and admire."

Elizabeth Haynes has a BA in Art History with a minor in Philosophy from Wellesley College, Master of Studies in History of Art and Visual Culture from University of Oxford, Oxford, England, Master of Philosophy in Fine and Decorative Arts, Christie's Education, London, England. Her work history includes museums, antiques, cultural center and science center experience.

Rochester Memorial Art Gallery
"Wild by Design"
200 Years of Innovation and artistry in
American Quilts

Opening Exhibition Party Sat., Jan. 19, 8-11PM
Exhibit Continues Jan. 20-Mar. 16
Also

Michael James: Reinventing Quilts in a Digital Age
And
MAGnificent Inspiration: The Art Quilt
Show & Sale of 36 Quilts, ends Feb. 17

A note from Fran, of interest to those of you who have struggled with us to find adequate space, lighting, etc., for our workshops:

"Everyone I have spoken with loves the new upstairs work space, now that we have heat. Robin is delighted to have the walls to tape up drawings and other works by students, we have supply shelves readily accessible and a locked supply cabinet, lots of room for students to work, and lots of great lighting (both natural and artificial).

YCAC Classes / 2008 Winter Workshops

Key: M=YCAC Member NM=Non Member

Youth Classes

Kids' Color

Instructor: Robin Secret

Tues.'s: Feb. 5-12, Feb. 26 & Mar. 4

Time: 3:30-5:00

Cost: \$20

In our rich world of color, this will be a fresh way to see our colors. What is it to work with a limited palette or complimentary colors? Each week a new approach to color with different materials, colored pencils, watercolors, acrylic paints and more. All new projects.

Drawing for Kids

Instructor: Robin Secret

Tues.'s, Mar. 11-25, Apr. 1, 8 & 22

Time: 3:30-5:00

Cost: \$30

Where can a pencil take you? Into many worlds of imagination. Materials, technique, imagination, creativity and familiarity—all subjects that will be explored. All new projects.

Intergenerational Classes

Stamping Fun for All

Instructor: Jan Enos

3rd Monday of each month Feb.-Nov.

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Cost: Youth: \$5/class

Adult: \$5+\$5 materials fee / class

Come learn some creative stamping techniques while creating pop-up greeting cards, gift and other usable items.

Soapstone Carving (ages 10-Adult)

Instructor: Sandy Cline

Sat. & Sun., March 29 & 30

Time: 9:00-3:00

Cost: Youth \$25 ; Adult \$50M/ \$60 NM

Students create an animal out of soapstone. Indicate animal choice (loon, bear, eagle...see www.SandyCline.com) when registering.

Adult Classes

Painting (All Mediums) - 6 sessions

Instructor: Dick Kane

Mondays: Feb. 3-Mar. 10

Time: 9:00-12:30

Cost: \$105 M / \$115 NM

Sharpen your skills while painting in your favorite medium. Lessons will cover painting techniques and focus on personal expression. Each class will begin with a painting demonstration by Dick Kane. Participants should bring their own original reference from which to paint.

Drawing I

Instructor: Robin Secret

Tues.'s, Mar. 11-Apr. 8 & Apr. 22

Time: 6:30-8:30

Cost: \$60 M / \$70 NM

Enjoy Drawing using different approaches that will build skills and enhance drawing pleasure. Experiment with drawing tools and media. exploration of color and paint.

Pastel Painting

Instructor: Barbara Doyle

Wednesdays: April 2-May 7

Time: 9:00-12:00

Cost: \$90 M / \$100 NM

Create a painting utilizing the layering techniques of pastel painting. Students will learn to create depth, capture light and shadow, and color harmony in their piece. Class limit 8.

- Please contact YCAC's Workshop Coordinator, Fran Blik (607-227-2475), to register, or if you have any questions. Class size is limited; **please register early** to avoid closed classes. **Full class fee is required at registration.** Absolutely NO partial class fees. Students may make up missed class if available at another session.

New & Renewing Members Since August:

Fellow (\$500)

Patron (\$250)

Dan & Linda Carp
Howard & Nancy LeVant

Sponsor (\$100)

Bonnie & Dick Barney
Nicholas & Mindy Misnick
Polly Smith

Business (\$100 or more)

Knapp & Schlappi Lumber Co, Inc
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Associate (\$50)

Lynne Feldman
Bob Kinney

Artist (\$30)

Robert Gillespie
Eugene Hondorf
Dick Kane
Nanvy Langford
Phyllis Maciag
Gene Parsons
Don & Barbara Radigan
Tom & Kathy Rood

Family (\$30)

Dave & Ronnie Baum
Billie Bauman
Leslie Church
Deb Clancy
Paul & Gay Coon
James & Cornelia Eichorn
Kathy Gill
Deborah Burns Henry
Peggy Hoff
Stephanie Olsen & John Creamer

Marv & Joy Pallischeck
Elizabeth & Horace Perry
Phil & Anne Perry
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Senior (\$15)

Lois Agliata
Monique Baran
Jeannine M. Clark
Robert Costigan & Sandra Ross
Marjorie Gorsky
Carol Guyett
Marilyn Heers
Paul & Jane Ingram
Marion Louden
Beverly Lyon
Shirley Putzig
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wagner
Nancy & Bruce Westerdahl
Ralph Wilkes
Edwin Worden

Exhibit Committee Plans for 2008

Chair Joan Belles and her committee comprised of Bev Oben, Bonnie Barney, Willie Bilancio, Joyce Hunt, Nancy Langford, Fran Blied, and Ginny Deneka, have established the schedule for 2008, for your advanced planning:

<u>Change-over date</u>	<u>Show Dates</u>	<u>Show, Featured Artists...</u>	<u>Opening Reception</u>
Jan. 25 & 26	2/3-3/31	Escape From Winter, Juanita Link, Manny Quinones	Sun., Feb. 3, 1-3PM
Mar. 31	4/4-4/28	Student Exhibit	Fri., April 4, 7-9 PM
April 28	5/2-6/9	Baskets, Birds, & Blooms	Fri., May 2, 5-7 PM
June 9	6/13-8/4	Pursuits & Diversions Karen Rosasco	Fri., June 13, 5-7 PM
Aug. 4	8/8-9/22	Clouds: Variations on Print, Canvas, & Silk Daniel Crozet	Fri., Aug. 8, 5-7 PM
Sept. 22	9/26-11/10	Penn Yan Art Guild Annual Exhibit	Fri., Sept. 26, 5-7 PM
Nov. 10	11/16- 12/22	Holiday	Sun., Nov. 16, 1-3 PM

Excerpts from *ART HARDWARE: The Definitive Guide to Artists' Materials*, by Steven Saitzyk © 1987

You would be outraged if someone brought into your home industrial solvents, chemicals containing high concentrations of heavy metals, and coal-tar derivatives-in other words, materials known to cause nerve damage, emotional disorders, and cancer. Yet, as an artist, you commonly bring such materials into your living and working environment, and then proceed to bathe your hands in them, breath their dusts or vapors, or ingest them, allowing these toxic materials to contaminate your body and your environment. Unfortunately, there is a long history of artists poisoning themselves. Over the years it has become so commonplace for artists to dam-

age their health with their materials that the stereotype of an artist's personality consists of chronic depression, irritability, aberrant behavior, frequent colds or flulike symptoms, low back pain, and headaches. These characteristics are the symptoms of low-level poisoning, as well as of psychological stress. However, most art dealers, historians, and collectors tend to attribute these aberrations to creative genius. Van Gogh is a prime example of the way poisoning may have affected not only the artist's health but the appearance of his artwork as well. One of the symptoms of lead poisoning, from which he was certainly suffering, is the swelling of the retina of the eye, which is said to give the illusion that objects have halos around them. (Cont.inue at http://www.trueart.info/art_hardware.htm)

Penn Yan Art Guild

Contact President Lyle Conrad 607-868-4673

Wed., Jan. 16, 7:30 PM: Slides of the Southwest

Tom and Kathy Rood will present slides of their recent trip to the Southwestern part of the United States for the Penn Yan Art Guild on January 16th at 7:30 PM at St Paul's Lutheran Church on Hamilton Street.

Sat., Feb. 9, 10 AM: Watercolor Videos

"Watercolor Simplified: a fresh approach to painting better and faster with confidence" by Pat Weaver, and "Watercolor Fun in Nature's Studio" by Tony Van Hasselt will be sampled at Bonnie Barney's, 341 West Lake Road, Penn Yan. Bring your paints and we'll try the lessons together. Bonnie has studied with each of these teachers and recommends them. A light lunch will be served. (Note for anyone with allergies to pets, 2 puppies and a cat on site.) Call for directions: 315-536-0483.

Please add to your member roster: Gene Hondorf, 617 W. Bluff Drive, Keuka Park, NY 14478 536-2581; winter address 21 Magnolia Dr. St. Augustine FL 12080.

Guests and new members are always welcome. PYAG exists to encourage all artistic endeavors. If you wish to join, please bring 3 examples of your work to a meeting for the group to admire.

Dues are *Active Member \$15 (one time initiation fee \$3)*, *Associate Member (not displaying art) \$10*.

Send 2006-2007 PYAG dues to Sally Thomas, 3598 Sid White Rd., Keuka Park, NY 14478.

Red Jacket Writers' Group



The Red Jacket Writers' Group meets at The Gallery on the third Monday of each month, 7-9 PM, to share and encourage writing. Plan to read from a current writing project, or try an unusual spin on these adjectives and nouns: for January 21, Unexpected Reactions; for February 18, Unlikely Consequences. Maybe they'll spark your imagination.

Anyone is welcome to join the writers. Each person donates \$1 to YCAC for use of the facility. For more information, contact Barbara Wohlschlegel (585-526-5787) or Alice Moriarity (585-526-6569).

YATES COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

President Gene Parsons 315-789-4563 Vice President Lyle Conrad 607-868-4673



The Yates County Photography Club will meet at 7:00 P.M., February 21st at the Gallery, 119 East Elm Street, Penn Yan. The program will be a display, critique and technique discussion on the art of photographing snow. Any format will be accepted; digital or film, slides or prints. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The Yates County Photography Club will meet at 7:00 P.M., January 17th. The program will be a display and critique of any photographs you have taken with a holiday theme. These can be film or digital. We will also be looking for ideas for this year's programs.



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 E-mail: ArtsCenter@YCAC.org
 On the web: www.YCAC.org

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