

## Color and Form - Signs of Spring at the Arts Center of Yates County

Every artist has his/her own way of looking at the world and the March exhibit at the Arts Center of Yates County spotlights the beauty of this perspective. The ceramic artistry of potter Hannah Graeper and the vivid colors and shapes of painter Brandi Marino will be featured at the Center from March 2 through April 16.

Hannah Graeper loves the Finger Lakes, loves making pottery and finds her work "a source of joy, amusement and creativity." From her Trumansburg studio just outside Ithaca, she works her magic with stoneware clay and food safe glazes to fashion one-of-a-kind painted and functional pieces. Each item, though spare and traditional in form, is highly decorated through a "glaze trailing" technique, creating detailed, repeating patterns on the textured surface of the stoneware. From dinnerware to mugs, vases and napkin rings, Hannah's interpretation of the colors of the earth, sky and sea brings a quiet beauty to the things of everyday life.



Rochester's **Brandi Marino** is a self- proclaimed "artist/make-stuff-o-holic" whose bold, bright, larger-than-life paintings, murals and unique furniture welcome you into her world of whimsy. Her canvases can be anything from an old wooden door or glass window to,

well, an actual canvas. Trees, flowers and birds come to life in swirls of vivid colors, and a day of summertime camping may just be more fun depicted through Brandi's eyes and imagination than the real thing! Her paintings reflect the world of nature around us; just bigger, brighter, bolder and always happy.



In addition to Graeper and Marino's work, the March exhibit will include a wide assortment of paintings, photos, pottery, jewelry, woodwork and more produced by the Arts Center's local exhibiting artists.

*Don't worry*, winter's drab is almost over – *be happy*, springtime's color is almost here. And the Arts Center can give you just the jumpstart you need. Stop by the exhibit opening on Friday, March 2 from 5-7 pm and meet Hannah, Brandi and other artists, taste some wine from **Rooster Hill Vineyards**, and enjoy homemade hors d'oeuvres and live music from **Artistic License**. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.



The **Arts Center of Yates County** is located at 127 Main St., Penn Yan. The exhibit is open to all from 10am to 4pm weekdays and 10am to 3pmSaturdays. For more information on exhibits and workshops, visit <a href="www.artscenter@ycac.org">www.artscenter@ycac.org</a> or like us on Facebook.