

# PERSPECTIVES

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In the midst of the rush and bustle of activity at the Arts Center of Yates County, it's nice to stop and express some gratitude for the many volunteers, members, partners and friends who have contributed to the success of this thriving organization.

With that in mind, the Arts Center held its 2018 Annual Dinner, Silent Auction and Wine Pull on October 8, celebrating this year's accomplishments and recognizing the Center's volunteers, artists and donors. As always, it was a fun and educational evening!

This year's dinner was held at the Lakeside Country Club in Penn Yan. Dave Peterson, an acoustic blues/country/country rock guitar player, provided music during the event and WXXI-FM's Julia Figueras was the featured speaker.

Figueras, who is the producer and host of the award-winning monthly interview/performance show

## Celebrating Success



Annual Dinner 2018 at Lakeside



Marianne Trombley and Dick Kane



**Arts Center Board officers 2019:**  
 Daryl Davis, Secretary; Dixon Zorovich, President; Kathy Ring, Vice-President; Anita Maroscher, Treasurer

*Backstage Pass*, spoke about the importance of collaboration among the arts.

Rochester painter Dick Kane was honored as the Arts Center's Artist of the Year and Marianne Trombley was named Volunteer of the Year for her work with the Keuka Arts Festival. Lynn Blumenau, Caryl Flickinger and George Dornberger (all East Lake Road residents) were voted onto the Arts Center's Board of Directors.

Thanks to the many local businesses and individuals who so generously donated to the wine pull and the silent auction (as well as some determined bidders) this year's Annual Dinner was one of the Arts Center's biggest fundraisers ever! As always, the proceeds from the event support the Arts Center's operations.

Hope to see you at next year's Annual Dinner!

**Arts Center  
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The Arts Center's mission is to enrich the quality of life of Finger Lakes residents, artists, and visitors by providing opportunities for active participation in the arts.

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

Interested in volunteering at the Arts Center?

Contact volunteer coordinator Karen Payne at [dhpayne@verizon.net](mailto:dhpayne@verizon.net). Volunteers serve as docents in the Flick Gallery, help hang artwork for shows, prepare food for exhibit openings, help in various capacities with fundraising events throughout the year and serve on a variety of committees. We welcome your help with any of the Arts Center's activities!

## From the Executive Director Time Flies

One of Nat King Cole's biggest hits was the "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer" which he characterized as "those days of soda, pretzels and beer." It sure sounds idyllic, although the reality of this summer anyway tended to tip more towards the "crazy" rather than the "lazy" days.

A hot, sunny, almost drought-conditions July was followed by a humid, rainy August. Visitors were everywhere, which is great for the community but sometimes challenging for the lake folks hosting wave after wave of guests.

Things at the Arts Center were hopping. We had record sales in July, with paintings flying off the walls of the Flick Gallery. August figures came in strong as well, with great interest in the art of the Finger Lakes on display. There were creative workshops every week, including the popular twice weekly class for youth throughout July and August, a variety of painting classes both in the studio and in the field as well as new classes in felted scarves and alcohol inks and opportunities to work in the pottery studio at Sunny Point as part of a class or during open studio hours. And we had some special events, including serving the Saturday chicken barbecue at Oak Hill Bulk Foods, providing refreshments at one of the Wednesday Concerts in the Park and, of course, the popular Sunny Point Ice Cream Social.

Our tireless volunteer docents were happy to share information not only about our artists and our activities but also about our community to the visitors coming through the door. There were plenty of lively conversations on

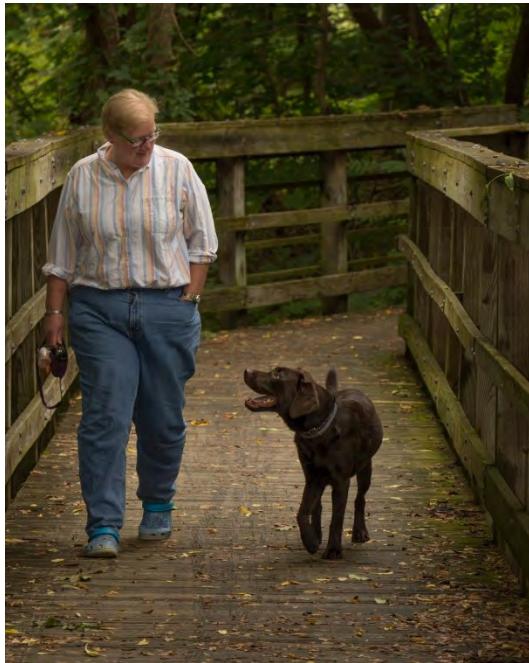


Photo by Nancy Kieffer

great wines to taste, tasty treats to eat and interesting places to visit. As a result we had plenty of folks coming back for second and third visits while they were in the area.

With those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer now behind us we're looking forward to a different kind of activity level as we gear up for the holiday season and plan for the winter (when, according to Nat, we'll "wish that summer could always be here.")

If you missed us this summer or just dashed in and out amid all the summer craziness, take some time this fall to regroup and refresh at the Arts Center. We have some terrific exhibits on tap and plenty of interesting activities and classes that can be enjoyed at a more leisurely pace. We'd be happy to see you - you're always welcome here!

— Kris Pearson (and Cara)

# THANKS!

to Oak Hill Bulk Foods and the volunteers who helped serve the chicken and pork dinners there on July 14 and to all the volunteers who made brownies and helped sell them at the August 1st Concert in the Park. We appreciate your help and support!

# The Flick Gallery

## TRANSITIONS



*Jelly Beans* by Christine Barney

As summer gives way to fall and green hillsides morph to autumn reds and golds, the Arts Center of Yates County welcomes two artists whose work is constantly evolving in new and different directions.

Christine Barney grew up in the Corning area where she developed a lifelong fascination with glass. She's been working in that medium for more than 43 years - first as a glass blower, then exploring furnace-formed solid sculpture, including cast glass sculpture. Christine admits "I follow a path that is an evolving, continual dialogue between myself and the material. An artist must continually explore, invent, and question."

Studying in Corning, the Seguso Glass Factory in Murano, Italy and the Creative Glass Center in Millville, NJ, Christine's work "follows a pursuit of color and form. [She] celebrates color, an internal symphony that glass embraces and magnifies." Both furnace-formed and cast glass pieces are subjected to alteration in a cold-working studio process, where Christine can rework forms and redirect light to match her vision. Her sculptures are included in permanent collections at the Corning Museum of Glass and the Museum of American Glass as well as in many other public and private collections.

Painter Daniel Roemmelt spent more than 39 years as an art instructor, first at Bath High School and then at Mansfield University in Penn-

sylvania. A lifelong Finger Lakes resident, his retirement in 2017 led to a number of changes, including winters spent in Florida and the opportunity to focus on his own art rather than the needs of his students and classes.

Previously known for his large paintings of a variety of scenes caught during his trav-

els, Daniel was inspired by a master painting class in Florida to focus on creating a series of portraits. Using models and photographs of friends Daniel has created more than 26 large scale oils on canvas, exploring the theatricality of his subjects, who exhibit a wide variety of costumes as well as unusual hairstyles and make-up.

In addition to work by Christine and Daniel, the Transitions exhibit will include work by many of the Arts Center's talented local and regional artists. The exhibit opens on Friday, September 28 from 5 to 7 pm. The opening will include wine from Tabora, live music and hors d'oeuvres and is free and open to anyone. The exhibit runs through November 4th.



*Scott Does Fosse* by Daniel Roemmelt

**Exhibit opens Friday, September 28, 5-7 pm at the Arts Center**

# CELEBRATION 2018

Holiday shopping is made easy at the Arts Center of Yates County with our annual Celebration of the Arts exhibit.

In addition to the multitude of wonderful gifts created by our talented jewelers, potters, wood turners, glass blowers, painters and others, the annual Celebration show features work by a number of new and returning artists chosen because of the "gift-ability" of their work.



*Hand-painted Screen by Keith & Bobbi Kappel*

Created by our talented jewelers, potters, wood turners, glass blowers, painters and others, the annual Celebration show features work by a number of new and returning artists chosen because of the "gift-ability" of their work.

Husband and wife team Bobbi and Keith Kappel create hand-painted pieces ranging from tree ornaments to tea trays to furniture and everything in-between. Woodworker Keith creates the pieces, which are then lovingly painted by Bobbi.

Another husband and wife team, Glenn and Naomi Lapp, run The Quilt Room off Route 14A. Glenn's whimsical wooden folk art - snowmen, small light-up houses and crèches - are popular winter and holiday décor, as are the quilted placemats and table runners Naomi creates.

The Arts Center is excited to welcome Laura Wilder, a Roycroft Renaissance Master Artisan whose vintage-style block prints celebrate nature in a distinctly arts and crafts style. Laura's larger works will be featured at the Arts Center in March of next year, but some of her smaller prints and cards will be available during the Celebration exhibit.

Also new to the Arts Center – the whimsical "Socket" sock puppets created by Tigercandy Arts. Designed and created by two artists who have recently relocated to Yates County, these whimsical, hand-sewn puppets and easy puppet kits are sure to charm the young and the young-at-heart.



*Tigercandy Arts Sock Puppet*



*Stocking by Leah Hawley*

Local artist Leah Hawley creates her colorful and intricate collages using recycled postage stamps. A popular vendor at the Keuka Arts Festival, the Arts Center is happy to feature her unique work this holiday season.

Folk artist Martha Gibbs grew up on a dairy farm in Penn Yan and her upbringing influences her art. Her whimsical Advent calendars have appeal for all generations. Every calendar tells a story; each window has a playful surprise.

We're pleased to welcome Maria Drommer from Branchport's House of Leather and Squirrel Hill Design and Craft from Rochester to the Arts Center as well. And, of course, your favorite local artists will have some of their best work available throughout the show.

Start your holiday shopping early at the Celebration exhibit opening on Sunday, November 11 from 1-3 pm at



*Seneca Lake - Squirrel Hill*

the Arts Center. Stop by and see what's new, meet some of the artists, have a cup of coffee compliments of The Pinwheel Café and try some homemade hors d'oeuvres while browsing. The opening is free and open to everyone. The exhibit runs through the end of the year.



*Lake View block print by Laura Wilder*

**Exhibit opens Sunday, November 11, 1-3 pm at the Arts Center**

## TONS OF FUN!

The Arts Center celebrated the sweetness of summer on Sunday, August 12 at the second annual Ice Cream Social fundraising event.

Featuring hand-crafted bowls created by some of the area's leading potters, the ever popular Seneca Farms ice cream, a plethora of delectable toppings and toe-tapping tunes

provided by The Reef Aires, the event proved to be a highlight of the summer season. Held at the Arts Center's lakeside facility, Sunny Point,

pleasantly warm and sunny weather punctuated the event, which provided fun for the whole family.

Thanks to the generosity of Seneca Farms,



area potters and ice cream social participants, the Arts Center raised more than \$2,000 in support of our programs and operations.

### A big THANKS to:

**Sommerville Potters  
Havill Potters  
Alex Hileman  
Fire Hill Pottery  
Rochester Area Folk**

**Art Guild  
Kim Cutler  
Dee Westfall  
Sally Thomas  
Gini Albertali  
Linda LaRock  
(for the bowls)  
Seneca Farms  
(for the ice cream)  
and Sandy Murrin and  
Doug and Arianne Tepper  
for the awesome ice  
cream toppings!**



## COMING SOON!

Members of the Penn Yan Art Guild are hard at work on this year's crop of one-of-a-kind ornaments! The mini-canvases, which can depict local landscapes, holiday themes or iconic images, are hand-painted by local artists. Adorned with ribbon these small masterpieces make terrific holiday tree decorations and provide the opportunity for anyone to own an original work of art.

The holiday ornaments will go on sale November 6, once the holiday Celebration show is hung. Ornaments are \$15 each and the proceeds



benefit the Penn Yan Art Guild and the Arts Center. Also on tap for this holiday season are the ever popular Arts Center holiday cards. Chosen from original images submitted by Arts Center artists, the holiday card packs consist of ten blank cards on high quality cardstock (with envelopes), each with an original image created by a local artist, for just \$12.

Card packs will be on sale. Personalized cards and bulk orders of a specific image are also available as special orders.

# Arts Center Fall Classes and Workshops

Rosenfeld Workshop Space above the Flick Gallery, 127 Main Street, Penn Yan

## Workshop Registration Information & Refund Policy

Full class fee is required at registration. Absolutely NO partial class fees. One may make up missed class if available. Class size is limited; please register early to avoid closed classes. Classes with inadequate enrollment are cancelled 1 week before the first class meeting so **please register early**. All fees refunded when the Arts Center cancels a class. Refunds of class fees, less \$10 administrative fee, are made for withdrawals prior to 2 business days before first class or 2 weeks prior to full week workshop.

## For Adults

### **Stained Glass**

*Saturday October 13*

*Instructor: Craig Sandberg*

Explore the copper foil technique of connecting colorful glass pieces to create abstract sun catchers or unique holiday decorations or ornaments. Beginner friendly. **\$40 members, \$48 not-yet-members**

*10 am – 2 pm  
Arts Center*



### **Painting Wildlife**

*Fridays October 19-November 9*

*Instructor: Grant Lounsbury*



*1-4 pm  
Arts Center*

If you've ever wanted to learn to paint or draw animals, whether birds, dogs and cats or wild animals like deer and bear, this is the class for you. Grant will work on animal anatomy, setting up your composition and you'll finish the class

with a completed work of art. Beginner friendly.

**\$120 members, \$144 not-yet members,**

### **Making Chain**

*Saturday, October 20*

*Instructor: Janis Long*

Metal chain jewelry, whether necklaces, bracelets or anklets is more than just twisting lengths of wire. Chain patterns can be simple or complex and can be combined into uniquely beautiful and personalized jewelry pieces. A great class for beginner or advanced jewelry designers. **\$60 members, \$72 not-yet-members, Materials fee to the instructor**

*10 am—4 pm  
Arts Center*



### **Stained Glass 2.0**

*Saturday October 27*

*10 am – 2 pm*

*Instructor: Craig Sandberg Arts Center*

Using the copper foil technique, finish a stained glass piece you've been working on or create a special ornament or stained

glass box as a gift for someone special.  
**\$40 members, \$48 not-yet-members**

### **Polymer Clay Techniques**

*Saturday, November 3 10 am - 4 pm*

*Instructor: Janis Long Arts Center*

Experiment with the bright colors and infinite flexibility of polymer clays to create elements of jewelry that can be combined with a variety of hand-tooled metal "findings." This class will work on pendants and earrings that make fine holiday gifts. **\$60 members, \$72 not-yet-members, Materials fee to the instructor**



### **Folk Carving**

*Saturday November 17*

*10 am – 2 pm*

*Instructor: Craig Sandberg*

Learn how to carve small figures and ornaments from patterns. Class will cover tools and tool maintenance,



finding the grain of the wood, various cutting techniques and finishing. Focus will be on fun holiday figures and ornaments. **\$40 members, \$48 not-yet-members**

### **Folk Carving 2.0**

*Saturday December 8*

*10 am – 2 pm*

*Instructor: Craig Sandberg*

Work on figures you've already begun or explore new techniques for creating realistic faces, bodies and more. Craig will help you learn how to approach new projects and solve challenges with on-going projects. **\$40 members, \$48 not-yet-members**



## ***ART AROUND THE AREA***



### PYAG Member Studio Days

**Open Studio Days** on the following  
**Mondays at 9:00 am - noon**  
in the Arts Center's Rosenfeld Studio  
on 2nd floor

November 12 and 26 &  
December 10

**Come paint together  
and encourage one another to grow in  
artistic creativity!**

All artists are welcome to join our activities.  
For more information visit the PYAG website:  
[www.PennYanArtGuild.org](http://www.PennYanArtGuild.org) or  
email [PennYanArtGuild@gmail.com](mailto:PennYanArtGuild@gmail.com)

## **Illusion Watercolors**

**by Virginia Braun**

**Exhibiting October 29 - December 9**



at  
1570 Gallery at  
Valley Manor  
1570 East Ave  
Rochester, NY

**Opening Reception  
Friday, November 2  
6-9 pm**

## **PALM-OF-THE-HAND MEMOIR WRITERS GROUP**

Monday, November 5 &  
Monday, December 3 - 5:30 pm  
at the Arts Center.  
Come share the stories that shaped you.  
Everyone is welcome!

## **Melange: The Art of Kathy Ann Morris**

**Exhibiting  
November 1-25**  
at the Wayne County  
Council for the Arts  
108 West Miller St  
Newark, NY



### **Artist Reception**

**Saturday, November 10 4-6 pm**

Dexter and Faith Benedict invite you to:

## **Fire Works Foundry & Pottery Studio Open House**

**Saturday, November 10  
11 am - 4 pm  
Sunday, November 11  
2 pm - 5 pm**



1554 Baker  
Road  
Penn Yan, NY



## Volunteer Corner - Nancy Cappola

In 1950, my mother's brother was transferred to Westinghouse Corporation in Bath, leaving Brooklyn, New York forever. On one of her trips to visit him, my Uncle Seb invited Mother to "come with me, I'm going to show you something you're going to fall in love with!" He drove her west along Keuka to Snug Harbor and over to East Lake Road, three and half miles north of Hammondsport. That day began my parents' love affair with Keuka Lake.

My sisters, brother, cousins and I spent all our childhood and teen summers from Memorial Day through Labor Day on Keuka Lake. Through the years we made many friends near the Lake cottages we rented near Hammondsport, and in Bath where my uncle and his family lived. Through our adult years, we have gathered for family events on Keuka Lake, continuing this grand family tradition and passing it onto our younger generations.

In 2003, we bought a house on Keuka near Penn Yan. Returning from the Hudson River Valley, Florida, Michigan and Pennsylvania, we all made the annual pilgrimages to the Lake. One of my favorite times was always over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. I would rise early with my sister and sister-in-law and drive over to the Yates County Arts Center barn sale off Route 54. For several years we purchased watercolor paintings by Bonnie Barney, several of which hang in our homes today. In fact, Bonnie was the first local artist we learned about. Whenever I had an excuse to go into Penn Yan for errands, my first stop was always the Arts Center. My sister Sue and I loved to browse the Center to look at the local art and treat ourselves to a few small purchases. The docents at the front desk were always helpful. We bought note cards of beautiful watercolor reproductions painted by Fran Bliek and Bonnie Barney. We once purchased a ceramic bass fish from Alan and Rosemary Bennett for my nephew Joe who is the family fisherman.

I can hardly believe that a small community such as Penn Yan has such a beautiful arts center. I know having this place bodes well for the continued cultural growth of our community which enriches all of us.



*Carole Dinsmore with Nancy Cappola*

In 2015, my career brought me back to the New York metro area. Now my mother and I spend as much time here as possible. Knowing my interest in the local community, our dear neighbor Elsie Jensen suggested I volunteer at the Arts Center. Taking Elsie's advice to heart, I joined the Center as a docent in October 2016.

Becoming a docent has been a special experience. The volunteer docents are led by Karen Payne, a kind and dedicated person who has gone out of her way

to welcome me and other new volunteers to the Center. Volunteer/artists like Sandy Cook, Daryl Davis, Caryl Flickinger, Janis Long, Bonnie Barney, Char DiGennaro, Ginny Deneka, and Fran Bliek have encouraged and befriended me. I have enjoyed listening to each of them talk about how late in their careers they began to develop their artistic talents. I am amazed at their stories and their beautiful work which makes me hopeful about my own future artistic potential. I have also enjoyed getting to know a few of my fellow volunteers like Patti Bandi, Sue Tierney, and Betty Brigham who have added their voices to Penn Yan through community good works.

The Center's leadership is committed to developing a place for all. The Board supports regional artists through frequent shows at the Center. But Executive Director Kris Pearson said it best "the Center exists to bring art to everyone in the community; for all people to feel welcome to come in, look around and feel totally at home!"

I am constantly wowed by the Center's shows, ideas and outreach to the regional community. There are art programs for children, adults and artists. Even if you've never held a paint brush, a charcoal pencil, camera or touched clay, if you have the desire check out one of the many workshops offered at the Center on Main Street or along East Lake Road at Sunny Point.

Hope to meet you soon at the Arts Center of Yates County!

## Membership Supports The Arts Center

We are grateful for these members who joined or renewed their membership  
between July 15 and August 15. **Thank you!**

### **Benefactor \$500+**

Cliff & Wendy Frampton Holly  
Elsie, Sallie & Terry Jensen

### **Contributor \$150-\$299**

Dick & Bonnie Barney \*  
Shirley Condella  
John Claude & Patricia Curtin  
Jim & Kristi Hoag  
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Dion & Suzie Johnson  
Robert Scharf

### **Exhibiting Artist \$60+**

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Karrie Baldwin  
Susan Baxter  
Dexter & Faith Benedict  
Deborah Bilinski  
Fran Bliek  
Leah Hawley  
Patricia Jackson  
John Kosboth  
Anne Lahr  
Janis Long  
Kathy Morris  
Beverly Oben  
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Sally Thomas

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Deb Koen  
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Jacqueline Lorioe  
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Kate Ring  
June C. Snyder  
Helen Stewart  
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Jim Volpone  
Nancy Wager  
Susan Wager  
Eileen Warren

Janet Widboom  
Dorothy Williams  
Barbara Wohlschlegel  
Charlotte Wytias

\* also an exhibiting artist

All members receive discounts on purchases and workshops.

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## **ARISE & SHINE**

### ***The Benedict Studios Are Back in Business!***

November 1, 2017 was a day Dexter and Faith Benedict will remember for the rest of their lives. Dexter, a well-known sculptor and a professor emeritus at Keuka College and Faith, a popular local potter, who taught art in the Penn Yan school system for more than a decade, live and work on their property on Baker Road. A devastating fire leveled the building that housed Dexter's foundry and Faith's pottery studio that cold November morning.

Family, friends and neighbors immediately turned out to help. Dexter says "November 1st was our unluckiest day and, since that time, our luckiest." Faith adds "We have come to better know our neighbors and friends, who helped with cleanup and rebuilding."

Both Benedicts are grateful for the words of



encouragement and gifts to the Benedict Scholarship Fund at the Arts Center, some of which have been used to purchase a new kiln and venting system for Faith's rebuilt studio. She says the new equipment works beautifully!

Dexter had his first bronze pour on October 3, with the sculpture of John Lincklaen, founder of Cazenovia, cast, sited and dedicated on October 20, less than one year after their loss.

Both studios are now functioning to full capacity. Faith says "It takes a village... in our case, to raise two studios! Thank you so much!"

**Dexter and Faith invite everyone to join them at the Fire Works Foundry and Pottery "Thank you" Open House, 1554 Baker Rd., Penn Yan, NY, Saturday, Nov 10, 10AM-4PM and Sunday, Nov.11, 2-5 PM. Hope you can make it!**