ARTS CENTER OF YATES COUNTY

PERSPECTIVES

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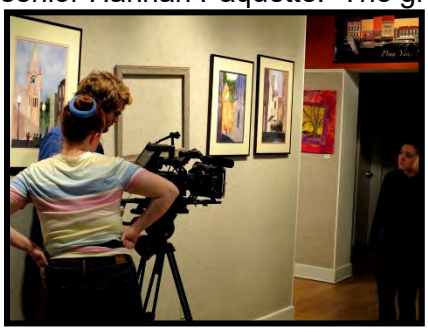
FAMILY PORTRAIT

Sound "speeding" and camera "rolling", the painting of young girls on a beach is snatched off the wall of the Flick Gallery under cover of darkness. The faux art heist was accomplished with the help of half a dozen cast and crew members under the direction of Ithaca College senior Hannah Paquette. The group



spent the first weekend in November filming segments of Paquette's short film *Family Portrait* at the Arts Center.

A native of Tyngsborough, MA, Hannah says she was always "a theater kid" in school, but the 2011 film *The Artist* sparked an interest in the art of making movies and AMC's award-winning series *Breaking Bad* fanned her creative flames by opening her eyes to the potential of story-telling on television.

Hannah has used her four years as a television and film major at Ithaca College to explore many aspects of the industry including writing, acting, working behind the camera and directing. Look for her as an extra in the made-for-television film *A Very Nutty Christmas* (written by a pair of college professors living in Manlius), starring Melissa Joan Hart, which is one of the Lifetime channel holiday movies and as a high school student in the movie Central Intelligence. A Hollywood internship next semester will wrap up her college experience (and hopefully lead to some job opportunities).

Hannah describes the events in the movie, where two sisters decide to steal a picture painted by their grandmother (portrayed by Bonnie Barney), as "a moment in the lives" of characters she hopes will someday be fleshed out in their own series.

In the meantime, the 10-15 minute short film she's producing will serve not only as her senior thesis project but also as a sort of "business card" to introduce her writing, editing and directing skills to potential employers. Hannah also plans on submitting the completed film to competitions and festivals and the Arts Center looks forward to having a copy as well.

Bonnie and Hannah review some film.

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Mission:

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.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Interested in volunteering at the Arts Center? Contact volunteer coordinator Karen Payne at 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

In the late 1800s, the poet William Wordsworth advised those hiking the Argyll Highlands and reaching the height of land at Glencoe to "Rest and be thankful!"

It is a sentiment that has resonated through the succeeding decades—that a hard journey is best capped by a period of quiet reflection and gratitude.

Although a busy holiday season follows what was, at the Arts Center, a wild and crazy summer, here at the Arts Center we're taking time to be thankful for all the Yates County community members who are so essential to our continued success.

To our artists, our members, our customers, our volunteers and our donors and sponsors — we appreciate all that you have done and continue to do to support the Arts Center. We are a success because of you. We hope you recognize how active participation with the arts and the Arts Center enriches your lives as well.

You are all an important part of the Arts Center family — and, as this is the season for spending time with family, we hope you'll stop by and celebrate with us. You're always welcome here! (Cara says "all the more so if you come bearing biscuits.")

— Kris Pearson (and Cara)

From the Board President

And just like that, another year is coming to an end. As this year closes, it also brings an end to my term as president of our organization. I have been so lucky to meet and work with incredible people that I would never have met on my own and my friendships and connections will remain indefinitely.

Each year I have presided over a group of highly dedicated, interesting, good people and it has been a fantastic learning experience. I am grateful for the many good times we have shared as we grow and improve the Arts Center. Here are some of this year's highlights:

•A year ago, we took over the Keuka Arts Festival and what a success it was. The committee has wonderful plans for the future of that event.

• The Annual Dinner increased its participants by 25% (with a waiting list) and events at Sunny Point (the chicken barbecue and ice cream social) did better than last year as well.

•The Annie Smith Pottery Studio was open all season, proving to be another great way to use Sunny Point.

•Membership increased, including new business members.

•The Strategic Planning Committee did a survey that yielded great results and a SWOT analysis that gave a thoughtful look at our future.

•The Communications Committee is almost done with the creation of our new website.

•The Volunteer Committee grew in size and developed new ways to appreciate and validate our volunteer docents.

•The Exhibits Committee's shows and new procedures resulted in compliments and financial success.

•The Workshop Committee offered classes that were new and artfully different.

•The Finance Committee kept us in the black, and the Executive Committee kept us organized

I believe we have grown in popularity, increased our presence in the Finger Lakes and met the requirements of our mission statement well.

I am grateful to everyone for allowing me to lead this year. I want to thank the Executive Director and Board of Directors for all they do.

— Sandy Murrin

The Flick Gallery

The 2019 exhibit's calendar at The Flick Gallery kicks off with a winter exhibit featuring the work of eight of our best local artists, representing a variety of mediums.

The *Interlude* exhibit, which will be hung January 9, will feature the work of eight local artists, with each artist as the subject of a week-long special focus. It's a great way for the Arts Center to provide a more in-depth showcase for some of the artists whose work is often seen in the Flick Gallery.

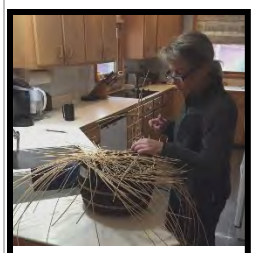
Interlude will feature work by painters Daryl Davis, Phyllis Maciag and Helga Poreda, mixed media artist Dale Richards, basket weaver Susan Baxter, book binder Nancy Langford, photographer Steve Knapp and potter Monica Sommerville.

Daryl Davis' retirement to the area was a returning of sorts to the scene of many of her "coming of age" experiences—including her joy in creating art. Despite a minor in studio art and a Master's degree in art education, Daryl is just now jumping into art with both feet. Her current medium of choice is watercolor with all its potential and nuance.

Phyllis Maciag's work often shows a quiet whimsy. A Dundee resident, she enjoys working in a variety of mediums and her hands are seldom at rest. Whether doodling, drawing, painting, or weaving, Phyllis has a tendency to look at her subjects from a variety of unusual angles, creating the unique perspectives that characterize her work.

Helga Poreda's work has been shown at the Arts Center for more than a decade. She leans towards local landscapes and animal portraits, winning awards for several paintings inspired by her beloved Springer Spaniel.

Susan Baxter's fascination with basket weaving started with an innocuous Christmas present. The basket-weaving kit from her mother-in-law woke her to the organized chaos of creating functional three dimensional structures with vibrant colors and wildly different textures. She says every basket takes her on a unique journey.


Susan Baxter baskets

Nancy Langford's books

Nancy Langford has always been fascinated by books but a week-long workshop in bookbinding extended that interest beyond content to actual structure. Nancy notes that hand-bound books have infinite diversity, are a challenge and pleasure to make and a joy to use. She also revels in the whimsy of marbling papers for use as endpapers in her books, notepads and notecards.

Photographer Steve Knapp came to the art of photography after a career in graphic design. The almost iconic view of Keuka Lake from his Knapp Road home in Barrington continues to be a source of inspiration, although his often whimsical animal pictures are equally as popular as his sweeping landscapes.

Monica Sommerville's wheel-thrown and hand-built stoneware are beloved for their graceful functionality, practicality and gentle earth-tones. She's been working with clay since her senior year in high school, launching Sommerville Pottery with her husband Ray. The two moved to Yates County in 2008, establishing a Keuka Pottery Trail with other area potters. Despite Ray's passing in 2016, Monica continues to make and sell pottery throughout the Finger Lakes and is actively training the next generation of Keuka Lake potters in her studio.

Monica Sommerville

Stop by the Arts Center in January and February to see the work of these local artists and more!

Holiday Cards
(and Other Ways to Celebrate the Season)

It's the return of holiday tradition at the Arts Center!

Fifteen local artists submitted more than 24 images for consideration for this year's holiday card fundraiser. After much effort and consideration the volunteer card committee chose 10 images for this year's card packages.

The cards, printed on high quality stock, come in an assortment with envelopes. The cards are blank inside. Each package is $12 and, because they're part of a fundraiser, there is no tax or member discount taken.

It's also possible to have custom cards printed - choose images from this year's assortment, other images submitted to the Arts Center or bring in your own image to be printed. Custom cards can also include a personalized message inside each card. Custom cards (with envelopes) are $1.35/card for orders up to 100 and $1.25/card for orders over 100.

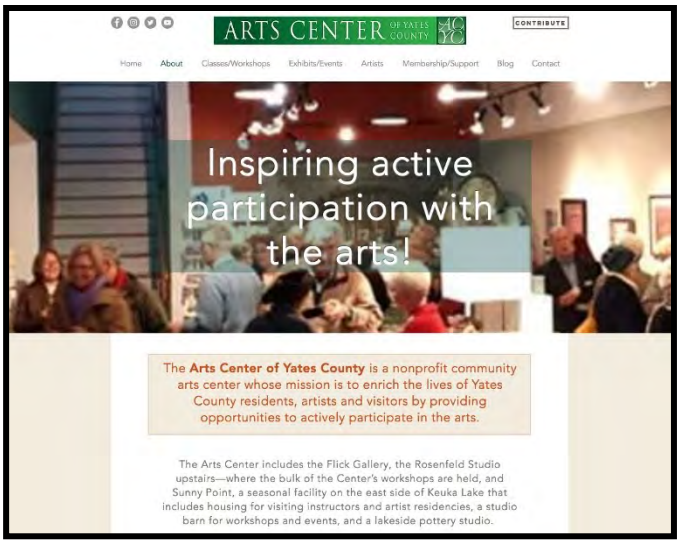
In addition to the holiday cards, the Penn Yan Art Guild's small masterpiece ornaments seem to have become a new and highly anticipated holiday tradition in the region.

This year Guild members created more than 200 individually painted, drawn or collaged ornaments on miniature canvases ranging from two or four inches square to small "landscapes" on two inch by six inch canvases. Subjects range from holiday icons (bells, poinsettias, stars and Christmas trees) to local landscapes and whimsical winter scenes.

These mini masterpieces are a great addition to any stocking, holiday tree or as a gift topper. They are an affordable way to ensure that everyone can claim to own an original piece of art and, as Guild members continue to finish and bring in new pieces throughout the season, the selection continues to change.

Don't miss your chance to celebrate the holidays with original art AND support our local artists!

New Website



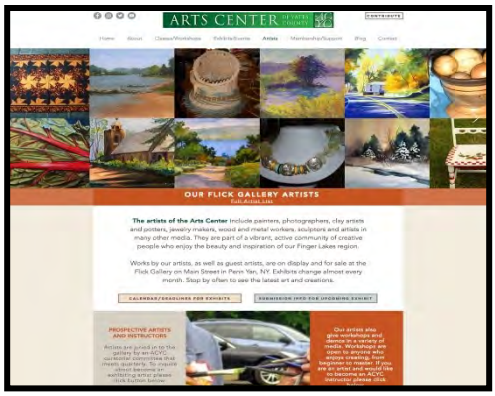
The Arts Center's on-line presence is getting a new look! January is the scheduled launch of the Arts Center's new website.

Designed by exhibiting artist Kathy Armstrong and her husband Jim under the umbrella of their socially responsible firm *Good for Business*, the new website incorporates many of the ideas and beliefs characterized by the Arts Center's vision and mission statements.

In addition to reflecting the Arts Center's values, the new site promises to be more comprehensive and more "user friendly" than the current site.

Specific modifications will enable the website to be more easily accessible on mobile devices. With the new website it will be possible to register and pay for creative workshops on-line as well as in person at the Arts Center. Volunteers tasked with keeping the website up-to-date should have a much easier time updating exhibit and events information and exhibiting artists will enjoy a new, interactive format that allows website visitors to get a better idea of their talents.

Elements of the new website were demonstrated at the Arts Center's annual meeting in October and were greeted with great approval and excitement. The Arts Center's Board of Directors looks forward to "going live" with the new website and believes it will help promote Arts Center activities to a much broader audience as well as encouraging participation in Arts Center events and activities.



And More Change is Coming!

The Arts Center is pleased to announce that Nicole Landers of Keuka Park will be taking over at editor of Perspectives in January 2019. Working with a team of willing volunteers, Nicole will oversee publication of the Perspectives newsletter to ensure that it continues to provide interesting, useful and up-to-date information for all Arts Center members!

Volunteer Corner - Karen Payne

Karen Payne has been "the voice on the other end of the phone" for Arts Center volunteers for almost six years.

A lifelong resident of the area, Karen is a former elementary school teacher and adjunct professor supervising student teachers for Keuka College. Over the years she enjoyed visiting the Arts Center and seeing all the local talent on display and she was excited when the Center moved from Elm Street to Main Street. "I thought the new gallery was great for Penn Yan," she says.

Frequent visits led to an invitation to volunteer and several months of volunteering led to an invitation to join the Arts Center's Board of Directors where Karen seamlessly took over volunteer recruitment from basket-weaver Joan Belles.

Karen's duties as volunteer coordinator have included organizing the monthly calendar of docents to ensure that there is a friendly face at the desk whenever the Arts Center is open; finding and training new volunteers; collecting hors d'oeuvres for exhibit openings, encouraging people to volunteer for a variety of fundraising activities and filling in as needed. With an

Spencer Tullis of the Finger Lakes Times takes Karen's picture

average of 50 slots to fill each month and a population of volunteers that varies season to season it's not an easy task, but it is one that Karen has done with grace and good humor.

Having finished two terms on the board, Karen is stepping down, planning to spend more time with her grandchildren and traveling with her husband. She will be sorely missed - but promises to fill in when and where she can, continuing to support the Arts Center.

Sunny Point

With summer officially over, the Arts Center's lakeside facility, Sunny Point, has officially closed for the season. Thanks to help from a crew of Keuka students on their annual "Make a Difference Day" (and a couple other hardy and determined volunteers) all the linens and dishware in the white cottage have been safely packed away for winter; the pottery is shut down; the screens and lawn chairs taken in off the porch of the red barn and the dock taken out of the water. Several dead trees and limbs have also been removed from the property.

Despite the appearance of inactivity on-site, there's plenty of activity behind the scenes, preparing for summer 2019 at Sunny Point. Several workshops, instructor visits and artist retreats have already been scheduled and the application for the 2019 artist-in-residence program updated and posted on our website. If you are or know of an artist interested in applying for the residencies (which run from June 29 to July 8 and from August 31 to September 9) we'd love to see your work!

Business Spotlight - Hunt Country Vineyards

Joyce and Art Hunt have always liked the arts. High school sweethearts from the Corning area, Art and Joyce enjoyed introducing their three children to the performing arts as the seventh generation of Hunts on their Branchport farm. Art of all kinds helped acquaint their growing children to new ideas, places and cultures. So when the Hunts established Hunt Country Vineyards winery in 1981, they found creative ways to incorporate the arts into their business.

Joyce became an early member of the Arts Center's Board of Directors and continues to serve on various committees. Hunt Country Vineyards became one the Center's first business members and has continued their membership support for more than three decades!

In addition to their support for the Arts Center and the wine tastings they often provide at exhibit openings and special events (including the opening of the Main Street building), Hunt Country Vineyards is known as an event site for Finger Lakes Chamber Music Festival concerts and other musical entertainment; has incorporated the culinary arts into their "farm to table" on-site café; and is often the site for special exhibits and activities during the "off" season.

"I love the Arts Center," says Joyce. "I think it's a great addition to the community." We thank Joyce and Art and the staff at Hunt Country Vineyards for their unwavering support for the arts and for the Arts Center.

Keuka Arts Festival

The 2019 Keuka Arts Festival is scheduled for June 8 and 9 at along the Outlet Trail in Penn Yan. The application for vendors is posted on the Arts Festival website www.keukaartsfestival.com and the Arts Festival committee is hard at work recruiting new artists and musicians, finding sponsors and volunteers and developing a marketing plan.

This year's Arts Festival poster features an original painting by Arts Center Artist of the Year Dick Kane of Rochester.

The Festival includes original work by artists in many mediums, live music and other entertainment, food vendors and a "farmer's market" component with a variety of culinary and handcrafted "perishable" delights.

If you're interested in helping with the Keuka Arts Festival, a committee meets monthly at the Arts Center. We welcome new volunteers and suggestions for artists, vendors and entertainment for the Festival. Call the Arts Center at 315-536-8226 with your suggestions and help us make the 2019 Keuka Arts Festival the most successful event to date!

Exhibit Schedule 2019

Interlude
January 9 - March 2

Featuring the work of: Helga Poreda (painting), Dale Richards (mixed media), Phyllis Maciag (painting), Nancy Langford (paper goods), Steve Knapp (photography), Monica Sommerville (pottery), Susan Baxter (basketry) and Daryl Davis (painting)

Yates County Student Show
March 4 to March 17

Reception is Friday, March 8 from 7-9 pm

Featuring the work of students from Penn Yan Academy, Dundee High School, Marcus Whitman and Penn Yan Middle School.

Between the Seasons
March 18 to April 28

Reception is Friday, March 22 from 5-7 pm

Featuring the work of: Kathy Armstrong (painting) and Laura Wilder (block printing)

Stay in the Loop
April 29 to June 9

Reception is Friday, May 3 from 5-7 pm

Featuring the art of Raphaella McCormack (3D paper and fiber), Jean Hubsch (fine embroidery) and Nancy LeVant (quilting)

Cream of the Crop
June 10 to July 14

Reception is Friday, June 14 from 5-7 pm

Featuring the work of Sadie Allen (painting) and Amy Hutto (painting)

Fundraiser
July 15 to July 28

Reception is Friday, July 19 from 5-7 pm

Great deals on unique, original work created by Arts Center artists, members and friends. Proceeds support operations at the Arts Center.

Art in the Finger Lakes
July 29 to September 2

Reception is Friday, August 2 from 5-7 pm

Featuring the work of Arts Center Artist of the Year Dick Kane (painter) and Eileen Correll (painter)

Penn Yan Art Guild Show
September 3 to October 6

Reception is Friday, September 6 from 5-7 pm

Featuring the work of members of the Penn Yan Art Guild.

Naples Trio
October 7 to November 10

Reception is Friday, October 11 from 5-7 pm

Featuring the work of Naples artists Robin McCondichie (painter), Daryl Abraham (folk art etching and sculpture) and Stephanie Marshall (pottery)

Celebration 2019
November 10 to December 31

Reception is Sunday, November 17 from 1-3 pm

Unique, affordable, handmade gifts for everyone on your list.

Art Around the Area

Penn Yan Art Guild

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

January 14
January 28

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 or
email **PennYanArtGuild@gmail.com**

Palm-of-the-Hand Memoir Writers Group

Monday, **January 7**
Monday**, February 4**
5:00 pm
at the Arts Center.
Come share the stories that shaped you.
Everyone is welcome!

Dundee Winter Concert

6th Annual Blues Party & Dance

Friday, January 25

7 PM

Featuring:
Steve Grills and the Roadmasters with special guest Joe Beard

Starkey's Lookout
Rte. 14, Dundee

Tickets $10 to benefit the Dundee Food Pantry

Rochester Folk Art Guild

Holiday Studio & Seconds Sale

Saturday, December 15 &

Sunday, December 16

Noon - 4 pm

1445 Upper Hill Rd, Middlesex, NY 14507

Pottery, wood, toys, natural fiber clothing, weaving, and more!

State of the Art Gallery's annual Juried Show

Featuring the work of 60 artists from around the Finger Lakes (including a number of your favorite local artists!)

Open Wednesday - Friday

noon to 6 pm

and Saturday and Sunday

noon to 5 pm

120 West State Street, Ithaca

The exhibit runs through December 30

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