



What's Happening at the Ontario County Arts Council and in the Community! Summer Update 2020

Mission Statement: "Ontario County Arts Council will promote and strengthen the creative capacity of our community by providing diverse opportunities for arts participation, understanding, and appreciation."

Judi Cermak, OCAC Board President

We are fortunate to have many talented artists in the Finger Lakes.

Why do you think this is?

Email me with your ideas: judi@rochester.rr.com

STARTING NOW!



Part one of the exhibits for 2022 will be:
a **coral reef made of fiber**—knitted, crocheted, felted, etc.

Would you like to add to the display?

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Ontario County Arts Council Events

The Colors of Our World Art Exhibit can be viewed in person through October at the
[Ontario County Historical Society Museum](#)

During this stage of the museum's Covid-19 plan, the museum's open hours are restricted to
Tuesday thru Friday from 10am to 12pm and 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

Face masks are required for entry into the building.

OCAC virtual exhibits can be found at: <https://www.exhibits.ocarts.org>



Karin Koepoke winner of the textile art raffle sponsored by
Ontario County Arts Council.

Children of the World
embroidered and needle felted
donated by Judi Cermak

SAVE the DATE!!

The **annual members' meeting** will be held in conjunction with the opening reception of the fall art exhibit at the Ontario County Historical Society Museum on Saturday afternoon, **October 24th.**



The results are in!

The Ontario County Arts Council's mission is: "To promote and strengthen the creative capacity of our community by providing diverse opportunities for arts participation, understanding, and appreciation." But the efforts, talents and expertise of Arts Council members contribute to more than just the local arts scene. Arts Council members also benefit many other charitable community organizations in the area with their talents.

In a recent survey sent out to Arts Council members on their involvement in other community cultural organizations, a majority of those who responded more than half of the Arts Council's membership volunteer their time, talents, and services in support of many other charitable, not-for-profit community organizations.

Most contribute artwork in community, not-for-profit fundraisers once or twice a year. One out of four respondents contribute artwork more frequently, such as 3-5 times a year. But more than half also donate their time and expertise to charitable organizations, such as photographing their events. Nearly half offer free workshops or teach free art classes in support of local organizations a couple of times a year.

The contributions of OCAC members do not go unnoticed. Organizations that have given special recognition to OCAC members include Rotary, Salvation Army and the Ontario County Office of the Aging. Many other organizations recognize the contributions of OCAC members in their newsletters, such as Wood Library and the Arts Council itself. But the very best way to recognize the talent and generosity of OCAC members is to attend the openings of their shows and exhibits, see their work, and buy their work! Patronizing the arts is all about patronizing the artists



Longstanding director of Ontario County Historical Society, Ed Varno, has retired!!

by Judi Cermak

My husband Fritz and I had stopped in at the museum to see the Exhibit 1964 when Ed Varno tapped me on the shoulder and said, "What would you think about the Arts Council using the north gallery?"

This was the beginning of a wonderful relationship between OCHS and OCAC. We needed exhibit space and they needed a new audience that the art shows would bring.

Ed valued the changing exhibit OCAC installed every three months, he had the vision to see the connection of history and art that created a cultural experience for the visitors at the museum.

Ed Varno will be missed but his creative spirit will help move us forward during these challenging times!

It's never too late!!

You can still volunteer for these new OCAC committees!!

1. Kay Howard will chair a group to organize and support artists who would like to provide art classes through OCAC.
2. Aimee Ward will chair a group to organize and support events through OCAC - both fund raising events, and just for fun!

Please email your interest in either committee to: ocartsny@gmail.com



REMINDER!

The Submission Deadlines for the fall juried exhibits are:

"Seeing in a New Light" - Sept 1, and "Hidden Treasures" - Oct.1

Details for entering submissions can be found on this page on our OCAC website:

<https://www.ocarts.org/announcements-for-members>

OCAC Rotating Art Exhibits

We welcome our new member, Maddie Corsaro, as she volunteers to be the new coordinator of the rotating art exhibits starting in October! Thank you, Maddie!!!

See our OCAC website for details where the rotating exhibits can be viewed:

<https://www.ocarts.org/rotating-exhibits>

When visiting local businesses in Canandaigua, Victor, Geneva, and Bloomfield that participate in **Rotating Artist Exhibits** please let them know how much you enjoy the art!

Check our website www.ocarts.org for information and updates!

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Thank You for Supporting the Arts!

