



What's Happening at the Ontario County Arts Council and in the Community! Winter 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

Over the years I have thought a lot about art exhibits. For me it is not just about sales which is nice, but more importantly, for the opportunity to hang my work for others to see. OCAC provides artist members many occasions to participate in exhibits during the year, and the benefits are many. Bringing your work out of the studio into public space means a time for presentation. Themed shows are an incentive to produce new work, feeding creativity. Openings are a time for networking with other artists and the community. The overall exhibit experience for the artist, is a place to showcase their unique talents, and for the community a place to view a variety of art work created by local artists, all for free!

Ontario County Arts Council Winter Events

**Special Initial Art Exhibit consisting of OCAC artist members works of art
at the Fort Hill Performing Arts Center - Sands Auditorium
Fort Hill Avenue - Canandaigua , NY
January 10 - Feb. 29**

Be sure to stop in and view the new performing arts center! As part of our partnership with FHPAC, OCAC artists will provide all art exhibits at the newly restored auditorium!



The **OCAC Gallery at the Fort Hill Performing Arts Center in Canandaigua** is ready for the Gala Opening of the new facility. Our initial exhibit "OCAC Sampler" can be viewed in the theater lobby during performances which begin on January 10th. The exhibit is most of the artwork recently viewed in our Captivating Light show at the Historical Museum, and it will remain at FHPAC until the end of February. Upcoming exhibits are being planned by the OCAC Exhibit Committee and calls for artwork will be announced soon. Only members in good standing will be able to exhibit at our gallery in the facility.

**Check out the [2020 OCAC Members' Exhibit](#) at Wood Library
Canandaigua 3rd fl. Community Room
Opening Reception: Saturday, Feb.8 1 -3 pm**

The [OCAC Members' Art Exhibit](#) for 2020 is coming up very soon. Each member is invited to exhibit one piece of artwork at the Wood Library for the show. Maximum size allowed is 30" in any direction because of space limitations in the Ewing Community room where the exhibit will be held. There is also some space on the two mantels in the room for small 3D artwork. Bring your artwork to the Wood Library (3rd Floor Community room) on Saturday Feb.1st from 12 to 2 pm , exhibit labels will be filled out at that time. The Opening Reception for the exhibit will be on Saturday Feb.8 from 1 to 3 pm. Pick up of artwork at the end of the exhibit is on Saturday March 8 , 10 am to 12 noon. Contact us at ocartsny@gmail.com if you need more information.

The [OCAC Rotating Exhibits](#) program added two new host locations last October. Lattimore Physical Therapy in Victor on Rt.96, and Finger Lakes Hearing Center in Geneva have OCAC artists now exhibiting in their offices. Our art exhibits at the these and eight other local offices are listed on our website at www.ocarts.org . Visit the website to see a complete current listing.

OCAC members Marcia Mundrick , Tina Yannotti and Joann Wright have been added to the Rotating Exhibits roster for 2020 to accommodate the increase in host business locations.

Fall 2019 Events

[OCAC Mariner Family Arts Scholarship Fund](#)

Each year OCAC and its members fund a scholarship grant in the amount of \$2,000 to a deserving second year student attending Finger Lakes Community College in memory of former OCAC President, Dottie Mariner and her family. The qualified Visual or Performing Arts student is selected by the FLCC Arts Department faculty from students who apply through the FLCC Scholarship Foundation.

In 2019 Visual Arts major, Olivia Garlock was selected to receive funds for the 2019 Fall semester.



Judi Rogers Cermak and Olivia Garlock

Oct. 5 Captivating Light Exhibit Opening Reception was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the art, the hor d'oeuvres, and the opportunity to meet and mingle with artists. They also were able to check out the historical society museum's prohibition exhibit! Just think! By partnering with the museum we get the opportunity to enrich our lives through both art and history!!!



On September 13th and 14th Reader's Theater performances of "Zelda" were given at the OCHS museum. The play was written by OCAC member, Kathy Morris, based on a one woman show she'd written and previously performed. The readers were Kathy Morris, Ed Varno, Shawn Anderson, Tom Poplasky, and Tina Blackwood. The response from the attending audience members was very positive!



The OCAC Reader's Theater planning committee is presently meeting to plan the spring performances of several comedic plays. A call for auditions will go out after the plays have been chosen and performance details have been completed.

Oct. 12th the OCAC Membership Meeting was held at Ferris Hills. Attending members learned about OCAC accomplishments in 2019 and plans for the future. Music by Max Wright, and hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed by all! Donated art pieces from OCAC artist members were raffled to benefit the OCAC Scholarship Fund. A very special thank you goes out to Gene Rogers for his very generous, yearly donation to OCAC!!

The OCAC board presented a \$25,000 donation to Gordon Estey of the Fort Hill Performing Arts Center during the meeting for the restoration of the lower lobby.



Nov. 30th Kids Kindl Family Fun Day OCAC and OCHS jointly sponsored a fun afternoon for kids. Children were able to meet Santa, make a Christmas ornament, have a free ice cream sundae (thanks to Byrne Dairy's ice cream donation), and purchase fun little gifts for family at the Kid Kindl "store"! Also, during this event we collected donations of \$177 for the Gleaner's Kitchen!



Meet the Artist!

This issue features Peggi Heissenberger!

Peggi Heissenberger has been a member of OCAC since 2006!

She grew up in Webster NY, the 4th of 13 siblings! She fell in love with the creating process in the art lab at Bishop Kearney High School and spent most of her four years of high school in the lab! This is where she learned about different visual art mediums that she could create with.

Peggi's background is medical – Medical Assistant and Emergency Medical Technician. But she always kept creating artwork whenever she could - even while working, raising a family, and volunteering.

Peggi moved from Webster, NY to the Finger Lakes area in 2005 and was pleased to discover a very active art community in this area. After meeting Judi Cermak she became involved with All Things Art when they were located on Main Street. She has enjoyed taking classes from local artists and craftspeople to expand her skills.

Peggi enjoys sharing the art that has become a passion in her life and believes that, “Your art should evoke some emotion in people.” She says that she needs to be creating something – she can't help it!! Artists that influence Peggi are: Alfonse Mucha, Patience Brewster, Mary Engelbright, VeMeer, and the art nouveau style.

Primarily she paints commissioned furniture and creates acrylic paintings. Over time, after selling painted furniture in art shows, she got the reputation as the, “Furniture Lady” – often people would just show up to donate old chairs, etc. for her to refurbish and paint! Peggi loves using power tools, she says, “It's empowering!”

Other mediums she works with include watercolors, wood, wheel thrown pottery, wool, jewelry, and paper crafting. Peggi's basement studio is organized and neat! She says that this is a must given the variety of arts and crafts materials that she uses, and especially because the clay and glazes she uses in her kiln are toxic.

She displays and sells her paintings throughout the Finger Lakes area as part of the Rotating Artists group with the Ontario County Arts Council. Her furniture, pottery, paintings and crafts are also sold in local shops.

Peggi teaches classes to groups and individuals locally and in her home. She feels blessed to see the students' faces full of joy at discovering and unraveling new capabilities in themselves!

Peggi is overflowing with ideas and just wishes she had the time to act on all of them. If you go to her web page you'll be able to peruse her galleries, see her art, and find out what local stores her art pieces are in.

Check out Peggi's website at: <http://peggiarts.com/contact-me/>

At the top of her web page you'll see this:

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Peggi, and some of her art!



Art in the Libraries

Two new members of OCAC are having solo exhibits for the first time in Ontario County. Neal Allen is exhibiting at the Bristol Library, and Wendy Walls has an exhibit at the Bloomfield Library. Both exhibits are up and will continue to be on display until Feb. 14th.

Victor/Farmington Library

February: Mackenzie Rockcastle - oils, pen and marker
March: Finger Lakes Photography Guild - photography
April: Alex Zepkowski - quilter
May: Peter Blackwood - photography

Bloomfield Library

Jan. 2 - Feb. 14: Wendy Walls - paintings & mixed media
Feb. 15 - March 31: Neal Allen - paintings
Apr. 1 - May 15: Suzie Quinn - paintings

Wood Library

Jan.: Refrigerator Art/young artists display works
Feb. 1- Mar. 14: OCAC annual member's exhibit
Mar. 14 - Apr. 25: Norma Davis - travel photography

Bristol Library

Jan. 2 - Feb. 14: Neal Allen - paintings
Feb. 15 - March 31: Wendy Walls - paintings

When visiting local businesses that participate in our

Rotating Artist Exhibits

please let them know how much you enjoy the art!

Check our website www.ocarts.org for artists and locations – the listings are updated every 3 months!

Additional art talks, workshops, or events may be added to this calendar.

Check our website for updates.

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