

The Arts NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2020



Russell Palubniak - Featured Artist

Crafting original art from nature is a lifelong passion for North Country resident Russell Palubniak.

He began working with wood in his early years, learning the important aspects of using basic hand tools, selecting pieces and planning designs from his father. Since then his interest developed over the years, and now retired, more time is devoted to his craft.

"Hours spent in my high school wood shop, a summer job in a cabinet shop during college, building my house by myself, and starting my own business all added to my skill level," he said.

"Woodworking is a creative outlet for me that I've never lost interest in after fifty years."

Living in the Adirondacks gives Russell access to the local lumber and burls he uses in his work. If he is not out searching for unique pieces of wood to use in his craft, he will be in the shop working on a custom order. He comes in contact with potential customers

through street fairs and summer farmers' markets, as well as having his work displayed at many area gift venues.

His work has also been featured in *Adirondack Life Magazine*, in gift shops at the Adirondack Experience (Museum on Blue Mountain Lake), The Wild Center (Tupper Lake), The Point Resort (Saranac Lake), Whiteface Lodge, and Pearl Grant Richmans (Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany).

Currently he attends the Troy Makers Market year round as well as farmers' markets all across the North Country in the summer and fall.

Russell is the proprietor of **Bear Pond Woodworking** along with acrylic painting artist Susan Rinas, and both live in Chestertown. NCA members enjoyed visiting their studio during the August Studio Tour.



Above: Handcrafted wooden implements from Bear Pond Woodworking. Custom orders available.

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Right: **Bear Pond Woodworking's**
display at an area summer's
farmers' market.

To reach Russell:
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Our First Show of the Year - The Sweetheart Deal - \$99 or Less

Building on the success of The Sweetheart Deal Show of previous years, NCA will again hold the show in early 2020, January 11 - February 8. This is an excellent opportunity for NCA members and the public to purchase remarkable art at a very affordable price. It is also an opportunity for artists to clear unsold art out of their studios. Drop off: January 4, 1-5 p.m.

Pottery Classes at Clay Concepts Studio

Adult Pottery Wheel classes start the week of January 6th. Classes meet for 2 hours each week, for 8 weeks, fee is \$340, includes all materials and firings. Day and evening classes are available for beginner through advanced students. Visit the website for more information, <http://www.clayconceptspottery.com>

Try-it Classes - A 2 hour one-time class to experience throwing 1-2 cup or bowl forms on the potter's wheel. Fee: \$60 per person. Pottery will be glazed for you, in the glaze colors you choose. Try-it classes are great for couples or groups (up to 6 participants). Classes are by appointment, to schedule email Dolores at clayconceptspottery@yahoo.com.

President's Message

Dear North Country Arts Members,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to wish you a joyous holiday season. It almost doesn't seem possible that another year has come and gone. We have much to be thankful for this year and much to look forward to in the coming year.

The third annual "Sweetheart Deal" is the first exhibit of 2020. Because the "Sweetheart Deal" is a \$99 or less show, NCA's commission for this show is reduced from 35% to 15%.

The exhibit to follow is our tenth annual juried high school art exhibit "Youth Visions". Invitations have been sent to the schools in Warren, Washington, Essex and Hamilton Counties. The talent of local high school students is truly amazing and NCA is continuing our mission to encourage and promote these young artists.

Our annual juried show "Expressions", will take place in May at the Shirt Factory Gallery. This year's juror is Laura Von Rosk, Director of the Lake George Arts Project Gallery. The procedure for entering "Expressions" is the same, with one exception; applications will now be accepted online at www.onlinejuriedshows.com from January 1 – April 1.

The new policy of giving artists the opportunity to display more than five items or two 2D or 3D art has been a great success and will be continued. A feature wall option is also available. If you are interested in displaying a series of works and show the depth of your talent, that can be made possible. Two weeks prior to the drop-off date, please contact the Gallery Committee at 631-525-6673 to discuss the number of pieces you want to display.

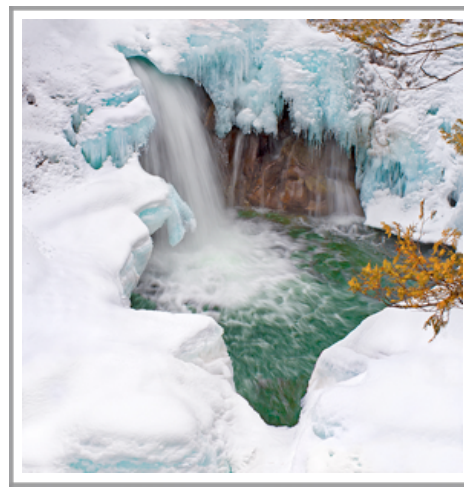
I am once again encouraging you to participate in gallery sitting. When slots are unfilled, the gallery will remain closed. Putting your work on the gallery walls without visitor access is not productive.

Sincerely yours,
Judith

Member News



Gary Larsen is proud to have received the "Best in Photography" award for his black & white, infrared photograph called "Purity Lake." (left) It was presented at the current Fall Juried Art Show at the Paul Nigra Center for the Creative Arts in Gloversville, NY. The show runs now through January 7.



Gary Larson also received the 2nd Place Award at the "Wintry Mix" Show at the View Art Center in Old Forge, NY with his color photograph called "Split Rock Falls in Snow." (right)

Gerri Groff has a painting in *The Art of New York: Annual Juried Art Show*, at The Arkell Museum & Canajoharie Library, November 1 to December 29. The Reception is December 6 from 5-7. The juror, James Coe, has selected my painting, *Reflection Series: In the Clouds*, for a 2019 Award of Excellence.



EXPRESSIONS 2020

NCA's *Juried Art Exhibition at*



Wednesday May 6 to Saturday May 30, 2020.

Opening reception and Awards -
Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Entry Deadline: April 1, 2020
for Receipt of Digital Images and fee payment by
www.OnLineJuriedShows.com

Eligibility:

This is an open call opportunity; media may include sculpture, photography, painting, printmaking, pastel, digital art, pottery, mixed media, etc.

Maximum Frame Dimensions: 48 inches on longest side

Sculpture: 48 inches on longest side

Work must be ready to hang or display. Works not ready to hang will not be included.

Original artwork only. All submissions must be for sale.

Work accepted from artists who can drop off and pick up their work at the
Shirt Factory Gallery, #120, 71 Lawrence St. Glens Falls, at the designated times.

No shipping.

Awards: Gold: \$750, Silver: \$500, Bronze: \$250, Honorable Mention \$100

Jurying:

The juror is Laura Von Rosk, Director of the Lake George Arts Project Gallery,
Lake George, NY

Submission Guidelines: from Jan. 1, to April 1, 2020

All entries must be submitted digitally to www.OnLineJuriedShows.com The entry form must be filled out in its entirety. List sizes up to the nearest inch. Submitted images must not include matting or frame. Crop the photos to include only the artwork. Be sure your images are right-side-up.

EXPRESSIONS 2020 (continued)

Before uploading your images, make sure they are smaller than 4MB, but at least 1920 pixels on the longest side at 72 dpi resolution in JPEG format, sRGB color space. Help in photographing your work and properly sizing your images can be found at www.OnlineJuriedShows.com/help.aspx. If you need help entering your images or are unable to, please email Help@OnlineJuriedShows.com or call 949-287-8645

If you apply, add to your safe senders list the following to ensure notifications are received: Services@OnlineJuriedShows.com and Manager@OnlineJuriedShows.com

A maximum of 2 pieces may be submitted. Entry Deadline:, Monday, April 1, 2020

Nonrefundable Jurying Fee:

Jurying fee is \$25 for NCA Members and \$35 for Non-Members for two submissions.
Payment will be made online and must be received by April 1, 2020

Notification: Artists will be notified of jurying results by email.

Award winners will be announced at the reception on May 9, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Drop-off and Pick-up:

Accepted work should be delivered to the Shirt Factory Gallery April 25, 2020.
between 12 noon and 5 p.m. All work must be ready to hang with wire attached to back of frame.

Unsold artwork must be picked up May 30, 2020 between 12 and 5 p.m or June 3 to 6, 12 to 5pm
If work is not picked up on these dates, there will be a storage fee of \$5 per piece for 1 week, \$10 for 2 weeks, \$15 for 3 weeks, etc.

Publicity: North Country Arts will publicize the show and reception regionally via email marketing, paid print advertising, press releases, website and social media promotion. Artists are encouraged to promote the show to their patrons, friends, Facebook friends, etc. NCA can not do it alone.

Commission: The Shirt Factory Gallery collects a 35% commission for artwork sales. Artists checks will be mailed after the show closes.

Liability:

Each work is insured to a reasonable amount while turned over to the care of the Shirt Factory Gallery. Items will be handled with the utmost care; however, Shirt Factory Gallery or North Country Arts will not be held liable for damage as a result of workmanship or design. Artists are responsible for delivering to and from the Gallery and for insuring work while in transit. Artists are also responsible for providing work that is sturdy and durable for necessary hanging purposes.

Photography:

Artists agree to allow North Country Arts to photograph works for promotional purposes.

About the Exhibition:

This is the North Country Arts fifth juried show with awards at the Shirt Factory Gallery, Suite 120. The North Country Arts Gallery is also located at the Shirt Factory to the left of the Shirt Factory Gallery. Be sure to stop by and visit NCA's Gallery, Suite 114.

Contact North Country Arts at info@northcountryarts.org or visit us online at: www.northcountryarts.org.

THE SYMPHONY

Dances

Dance! Beats!

Sunday, March 8

3 pm - Panel Discussion with Maestro Peltz, Mr. Amram and guests

4 pm - Concert

Zankel Music Center at Skidmore College
Saratoga Springs

Enjoy music of Argentinian tango composer Astor Piazzolla; David Diamond's *Rounds for Orchestra*; Bela Bartok's vibrant *Rumanian Dances*, and a special dance performance by dancers from the School of the Arts at the National Museum of Dance.

Plus: *Greenwich Village Portraits* by David Amram (composer of the Beat generation) performed by saxophonist Ken Radnofsky. Mr. Amram will read poetry selections present historic photography of the legendary faces and places of the "Beat" generation.



David Amram



Ken Radnofsky

Season Finale

Dance Through Time

Sunday, May 3

3 pm - Pre-Concert Talk by Maestro Charles Peltz

4 pm - Concert

Glens Falls High School Auditorium

The Season Finale takes you on a journey through three eras of dance: music of the Renaissance in Suite No. 3 of Respighi's *Ancient Airs and Dances*, the 20th Century in John Adams' *Exotica* from *The Chairman Dances*, and the lush harmonies of the Romantic era with Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances*.

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NCA's Second Floor Gallery Winter 2020 Exhibits

BY DENNIS WILSON -

Winter 2020 brings with it two exhibitions to NorthCountryARTS City Hall Gallery. We hope all NCA members can drop by to enjoy viewing them. The schedule is as follows:

2020 WINTER 2ND FLOOR GALLERY SCHEDULE	DATES OF DISPLAY	RECEPTION
Carol Law Conklin Kris Gregson Moss	1/6 - 2/14	1/10 5-7 p.m.
Anthony Richichi	2/17 - 3/27	2/21 5-7 p.m.



NorthCountryARTS first City Hall Gallery show in the new year will feature fabric and more fabric! Veteran and accomplished artists Carol Law Conklin and Kris Gregson Moss will decorate the gallery with flowing images and vibrant colors certain to dazzle, transfix and transform.



After

experimenting with drawing, painting and printmaking, Carol settled on the art of batik, a very ancient method of coloring on fabric with waxes and dyes. She loved the flowing, sensuous heated beeswax or paraffin as she applied it with a "tjanting" tool, a bowl with a spout for applying lines.

Raised in rural New England, Carol learned to ride horses, love nature and love the farm lifestyle, all of which is portrayed sensuously and energetically in her art. Another love she expresses in her batik art is that of primordial myth. Carol applies her batik technique to items as varied as scarves, cutting boards, trivets and puzzles as well as original batiks.

Carol has exhibited her art in many galleries and it has been the subject of articles in Saratoga Living, Art in the Adirondacks, and The Post Star, among others.

In her fabric art, Kris Moss is heavily influenced by both nature and by imaginative vision. She weaves, knits, crochets, whatever she feels is needed to create her vision of the piece. Colors, textures and patterns she finds in fabric form the basis of her designs, and she augments these with articles like buttons and beads and with natural objects like sticks and stones.

Her philosophy is traditional. Kris eschews the use of paints or photographs, for example, much preferring to use the items mentioned above to create movement over dimensional forms to create beauty and



Quilt images this page by Kris Moss



“statements that need shouting.”

A veteran quilter for over six decades, Kris has had her work juried into many shows such as “150 Years of Adirondack Quilts” at The Adirondack Experience. She has shown her work nationally and internationally, at the Adirondack Regional Artist’ Alliance exhibits, at LARAC and at the Valley Artisan’s Market in Cambridge. Kris gives lessons, workshops and lectures. She may be contacted at krisgregsonmoss.com.

Anthony Richichi is an energetic force for arts advocacy in the Glens Falls area. An accomplished artist himself, Anthony has been a showcased live painter at the Hyde Museum, an Artist-In-Residence there, and a “Best In Show” winner at the Saratoga Arts “Art In The Park” event. He is also a board member and lead artistic designer for Art In The Public Eye, and an Art Director and curator of the music and arts festival GEMfest.

Owner and operator of Killustrator Comics, Anthony illustrates comic books and has worked with 20th Century Fox illustrating trading card sets. He also directs the gallery and

curates the Adirondack Film Festival.

For his winter exhibit, Anthony will show his acrylic Adirondack landscapes and also portrait/landscape surrealism which depicts visionary lands that combine nature and people. A few ink and graphite fine art portraiture paintings will be shown as well. See his artwork on the following page of this newsletter.

Be sure to visit the gallery this winter and enjoy the fine art exhibited there. Better yet, attend the receptions where you have the wonderful opportunity to meet the artists and discuss their work firsthand!



All art this page
by Carol Conklin.





All art this page by Anthony Richichi. (see previous article)

Travel with Saratoga Arts to Spain

Saratoga Arts is sponsoring a tour to Spain May 11-20, 2020 and invites you to a trip overview for “Spain: A Treasure Chest of Wonders” at 11:30 am, Saturday, October 19 at Saratoga Arts, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Explore one of Spain’s best kept secrets on this trip that begins in the north where you can discover the Basque Country with a visit to Bilbao and the seaside town of San Sebastián. On the way south to Madrid revel in the vistas and vineyards of the Rioja Region and the historic city of Segovia with its Roman ruins and medieval old town. Then on to the bustling metropolis of Madrid, whose highlights include a visit to its Royal Castle and the famous Prado Museum. From there we will enjoy an excursion to the famed city of Toledo, the city of three cultures: Jewish, Muslim and Christian. A special bonus is an overnight in one of Spain’s paradors, a historic building transformed into a hotel. The trip price is \$3399 land only, double occupancy. For additional information, go to www.goedventures.com, contact goedventures@gmail.com or call Mary at 607-387-3322. (see ad, next page)



Spain: A Treasure Chest of Wonders

From Bilbao to Madrid

May 11-20, 2020



Spain is a treasure chest of wonders - from Madrid's vast and majestic 18th century Royal Palace to one of the wonders of modern architecture, Frank Gehry's Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. Explore one of Spain's best kept secrets on this trip that begins in the north where you can discover the Basque Country with a visit to Bilbao and the seaside town of San Sebastián. On the way south to

Madrid revel in the vistas and vineyards of the Rioja Region and the historic city of Segovia with its Roman ruins and medieval old town. Then on to the bustling metropolis of Madrid, a destination whose storied past is as rich as its cultural present. Highlights include a visit to its Royal Castle and the famous Prado Museum. From there we will enjoy an excursion to the famed city of Toledo, the city of three cultures: Jewish, Muslim



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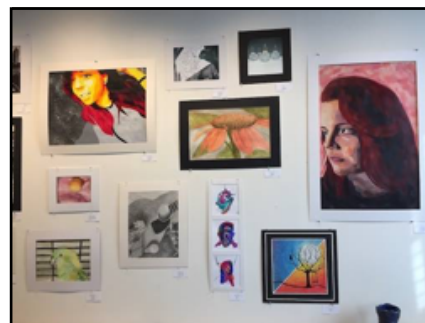
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Youth Visions Art Show

North Country Arts is pleased to announce its 9th Annual Youth Visions Art Exhibit which will take place at the North Country Arts Gallery in The Shirt Factory from February 15 - March 14. High school students in the Warren, Washington, Hamilton and Essex County school districts are welcome to submit entries. Youth Visions recognizes the artistic accomplishments of 9-12 grade students in the areas of drawing, mixed media, painting, jewelry, sculpture, pottery, photography and digital works of art. We encourage all NCA members to attend the Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony which will take place on March 7 from 5-7 p.m. at the NCA Gallery, Suite 114 in the Shirt Factory. The creativity of our local young artists is truly amazing.



Stewart's Shops

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2020 North Country Arts Schedule

The Sweetheart Deal

NCA Gallery, #114, The Shirt Factory
Drop Off: Saturday, January 4, 1-5 p.m.

Show Dates: January 11 - February 8

Reception: January 11, 5-7 p.m.

Pick up: February 8, 2-4 p.m.

Youth Visions

NCA Gallery, #114, The Shirt Factory

Drop Off: Saturday, February 8, 1-5 p.m.

Show Dates: February 15 - March 14

Reception: March 7, 5-7 p.m.

Pick up: March 14, 2-4 p.m.

What is Old is New

NCA Gallery, #114, The Shirt Factory

Drop Off: Saturday, March 14, 1-5 p.m.

Show Dates: March 21 - April 25

Reception: March 21, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Pick up: April 25, 2-4 p.m.

Transitions

NCA Gallery, #114, The Shirt Factory

Drop Off: Saturday, April 25, 1-5 p.m.

Show Dates: May 2 - June 13

Reception: May 2, 5-7 p.m.

Pick up: June 13, 2-4 p.m.

Expressions Juried Show (onlinejuriedshows.com)

Shirt Factory Gallery, Suite 120

Show Dates: May 2 - May 9

Reception: May 2, 5 - 7 p.m.



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