

The Arts NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2019



Bev Saunders' lifelong dream was realized in 2006 when she opened her own art studio, frame shop, and gallery at BjsArtworks in Hoosick Falls, NY. It started as a part-time endeavor because she was working full-time at R. John Wright Dolls as an artisan making limited-edition high-end collectable dolls.

In 2007 she decided to quit her day job, take the plunge, and open a full-time framing shop, gallery and art studio in The Shirt Factory in Glens Falls. Her goal was to spend more time creating and painting, accept commissions, and provide the community with a quality custom frame shop.

For more than 10 years BjsArtworks held wonderful exhibitions featuring regional artists, and hosted special benefit events. Bev established herself firmly in Glens Falls as a competent and reputable

framer and supporter of the arts in the community.

In 2008, Bev collaborated with Dave Francis, PSA-MA, and Lise Fuller to establish the Adirondack Pastel Society. She served as its president from 2011-2016. "We began the organization with a passion for pastels, to educate the public about the medium of soft pastel and to offer learning and exhibiting opportunities to pastel artists in the ADK region."

Today, the Adirondack Pastel Society has a continuous membership of over 40 artists.

Bev also volunteers her time to serve on the Board of North Country Arts and assists by creating labels for exhibitions and mailings.

In April of 2018, Bev moved her gallery to 119 Bay Street in Glens Falls. In the Saunders Gallery of Fine Art you will find Bev's original paintings, as well as a small gift gallery featuring pottery by Dolores

Thomson and Karen Elem, and ADK mirrors and frames by Bellbrook Studio of Hadley, NY. Bev also sells reproductions of her own work, along with art cards, candles, specialty jewelry and more.

Over the years in Glens Falls Bev has delivered and sold more than 80 paintings, many that were commissioned. Animal portraits are a favorite. "The character of each pet is so much fun to capture in pastel," she says. "More recently I have been doing portraits of people and feel I am getting into a comfort zone where I am happy with the results. Each painting is a new adventure as I experience the challenges of creating something that is visually pleasing, whether it be a landscape, portrait, or still life."

She says that her work has always evoked a sense of peace and serenity.

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“Capturing our region in landscapes is a challenge I continue to work on. There is still so much to learn and experience in the medium of pastel that it never grows old. However, I would like to explore sculpting in clay and getting back into printmaking a bit in the future, as time allows.”

Bev is pleased to have been juried into the Adirondack Pastel Society's 5th annual National Pastel Exhibition with a portrait titled “Sweet Reflections.” The Exhibition will take place at The Shirt Factory Gallery July 10 - August 10, with a reception and awards ceremony on Saturday, July 20, 5-7 p.m.

The Adirondack Pastel Society is also proud to be showing at the Adirondack Center for the Arts in Blue Mountain Lake for the month of August with a reception on August 9 at 5 p.m.

Bev is looking forward to the NCA Studio Tour August 3 & 4. She invites everyone to stop by anytime at 119 Bay Street to see her paintings, request a commission, or buy a gift. Her gallery is open Tues. – Fri. 10–6, and Sat. 10-5.



Right: “Mt. Marcy,” pastel by Bev Saunders.



Left: “Washington County Summer,” pastel by Bev Saunders.



Don't miss this year's Adirondack National Pastel Exhibition at The Shirt Factory Gallery July 10 - August 10. Awards and reception are Saturday, July 20, 5-7 p.m.

North Country Arts Expressions Juried Art Show Award Winners

North Country Arts held its annual awards ceremony for its Expressions Juried Show on May 5th. Juried by Jonathan Canning, director of Curatorial Affairs and Exhibitions, the Hyde Collection, 64 artists were chosen to show their work from 174 pieces that were submitted. Five recipients from the 64 were selected to receive awards:

Christian Hires captured the Gold Award for his ESD Panel I; Gerald Wein took the Silver Award for his photograph *Diesel*. Bronze went to Terry Peca for her painting *Champlain*, and two honorable mentions were given to Catherine Corrigan for *Warcry*, and Kris Moss for *Promise*.

Artisan Trails in Washington County, Inc.

Please join us for a Paint Out at Whiting Studio to benefit Artisan Trails in Washington County on June 22. The registration fee is \$15.00 and will include lunch consisting of a sandwich platter with a variety of meat and cheese combinations on an assortment of soft white or wheat rolls, sourdough and multi-grain bread, a macaroni salad as well as a selection of cookies for dessert. Water and iced tea will be available. Anyone requiring a restricted diet is encouraged to bring their lunch.

To register for the event please complete the registration form on the website; <https://www.artisan-trails.org/paint-out.html>. Registration is limited to 15 participants.

The Paint Out will be 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Participants will be meeting at Whiting Studio and must bring their own supplies.

Pastel Workshop July 19-20, Shirt Factory Gallery

Christine Ivers is offering a workshop July 19-20 titled *Nightscapes with Chris Ivers*. Chris brings the night to life as she demonstrates the techniques that make her paintings shimmer with reflections and glowing lights. From learning how to lay out a complicated urban scene to putting on the final touches that make the night exciting to paint, you are sure to enjoy watching her transform her handmade surface into a beautiful nightscape. For more information, check the website www.adirondackpastelsociety.com. Workshops fill up quickly and you may be put on a waiting list to attend.

Right: Petal Pushers by Christine Ivers



Above, left to right: Catherine Corrigan, Terry Peca, Jonathan Canning, Juror for the Show, Christian Hires, Kris Moss in front and Gerald Wein.



Above: Photograph by Susan Bayard Whiting



President's Message

Dear North Country Arts Members,

I am pleased to report the last few months have been very successful. Allow me to share our good news with you. In addition to the support of our members, it is essential that we receive funding to enable us to further our mission. This year we have received the following grants:

- Price Chopper/Golub Foundation - Sponsorship of the Fine Art Exhibit at the Crandall Library
- Stewart's Shops - Sponsorship of the Youth Visions Exhibit
- LARAC/New York Council on the Arts - Artists Studio Tour Funding
- The City of Glens Falls - Hanging System for the 2nd Floor Gallery at City Hall
- Touba Family Foundation for support of Expressions

All of the above would not be possible without grant writers. Our heartfelt thanks to Diane Dumouchel and Dr. Jacqueline Touba for their time and dedication. Their expertise in grant writing has provided us with the opportunity to continue our mission.

The annual juried show, "Expressions," was a wonderful success for both members and non-members alike. The number of entrants and participants has grown each year and is an event that artists as well as visitors eagerly look forward to. Jonathan Canning, the Hyde Museum's Director of Curatorial Affairs and Program was this year's juror. I would like to express my gratitude to him for providing NCA with his time and expertise.

The Artists' Open Studio Tour is an excellent opportunity to view large bodies of works by artists in their studio settings. Due to last year's success, it has been expanded to two days for two weekends. The first weekend, August 3 and 4, will take place in the southern part of Warren County in the Glens Falls area. Many of the artists whose studios are located in the Shirt Factory will once again participate. The second weekend, August 10 and 11, will take place in the North Warren County area (Chestertown, Horicon, Lake George, Bolton Landing, and surrounding areas).

Thank you once again to all of our members who continue to give their time and effort to North Country Arts, you truly have contributed to the success of our organization. NCA is a volunteer organization and can always use more help. If you have not participated except for hanging your art on the gallery walls, please consider giving us a helping hand. Organizations such as ours always work more efficiently with additional assistance, and any provided by members, no matter how seemingly small, is truly welcome.

Sincerely,

Your President, Judith Aratoli Tully

Dancers Around the World to be on Exhibition at LARAC

Jacquiline Touba will be exhibiting her artwork of international dancers at LARAC from July 5 - August 7, 2019. There will be a selection of dancers from Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and North America in pen & ink and watercolor batik. An opening reception will be held on July 5 from 5-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Right: Dancer from Gabon
by Jacqueline Touba



NCA's Second Floor Gallery Summer 2019 Exhibits

BY DENNIS WILSON -

Summer, 2019 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:

2019 WINTER 2ND FLOOR GALLERY SCHEDULE	DATES OF DISPLAY	RECEPTION
Out of the Archives Pictures of Historic Glens Falls	5/27 - 8/2	6/6 5-6:30 p.m.
Phyllis Brown	8/5 - 9/6	8/9 5-7 p.m.

Out of the Archives Curated by Wayne Wright

Last February or March, Glens Falls mayor Dan Hall approached city historian Wayne Wright with an idea to exhibit the city's considerable historical collection of photographs, paintings and documents. It happened that a vacancy in NCA's City Hall Gallery schedule had occurred, and NCA was able to partner with the city to bring about the exhibit.

Wayne began his employment with the city in 1980 when he helped landscape City Park, and has also worked with records management and with the city clerk. City Historian since 2000, Wayne oversees a large collection of historical memorabilia and is the author of *Listening In: Memories of Glens Falls, 1755-1931*.

In a 1944 edition, Look Magazine named Glens Falls as "Hometown USA," and Wayne's exhibit will include photos from this article. Wayne believes that Glens Falls has an extensive, varied and significant history that needs to become more well-known, and that is the purpose of the exhibit.

Pieces to be shown will include sports hall of fame plaques from the collection of James Coclanis, an influential figure in local sports; pictures of the construction of the Halfway Brook dam; pictures of City Recreation Dept. activities; pictures from the collection of Glens Falls photographer Richard Dean and miscellaneous pictures from the Turn of the Century Era.

Wayne believes strongly that all the historical records must be preserved and publicized. Back in 1992 or 1993 he was working in the local wastewater treatment plant when he noticed that the abandoned chlorine room was being used as a storeroom. Upon looking further, he discovered a neglected large gray box filled with documents and pictures of the Halfway Brook dam construction. Many of these items will be displayed in the exhibit and could have continued being neglected or even lost altogether.

Phyllis Brown

Phyllis Brown taught elementary school art at North Warren Central School in Chestertown for 36 years. Retiring in 2012, Phyllis began rediscovering "the artist within," and focused on her own work. Not excluding art education from her life, however, Phyllis stays active in art education locally and even nationally. Her school, Dragon Wing Arts in Glens Falls, enables her to continue to work with children.



Above: Artwork by Phyllis Brown



“Eclectic” is an adjective that best describes Phyllis’ art interests. In fact, she hesitates to describe herself as an artist because she feels the word is too limiting. She explores many different mediums and techniques: oil, acrylics, textural mixed media pieces, collage, doodling, and more. The one theme that dominates her various interests is that of energy portrayed through color. One of her works is well-known in Glens Falls. Phyllis created the Glens Falls Wing Fest trophy, a papier-mache chicken named Henrietta.

Always seeking inspiration, Phyllis carries a camera when she hikes or paddles. Her current interest lies with the Bennington college oil painting plein air workshops which focus on New England landscapes.

Another source of inspiration are the children she teaches at Dragon Wing Arts, her Glens Falls art school located in Temple Beth El, 3 Marion Av.

518-792-4364. Among other things, she teaches the students to make the following:

- papier-mache rain sticks
- papier-mache textural pictures of blowing wind
- tissue paper collages for rain sticks
- spatter painting galaxies
- decorating coffee filters
- designing bugs with clear contact paper and foil
- creating planets out of multi 2qqa-acolored papers

NCA’s summer exhibits will be historically and artistically both varied and interesting. Be sure to attend!

Make Your Voices Heard -- Annual Meeting Scheduled

Come hear NCA’s annual report June 22 at the reception for Light & Color Everywhere, at the Shirt Factory Gallery. In addition to a year-end summary, plans for the future of the organization will be presented. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Saturday, June 22, 5-7 p.m.

Photography Show at Crandall Public Library Friends Gallery Upcoming

NCA’s Annual Photography Show opens July 1 with a reception from 5-7 p.m. Five juror’s choice awards will be selected and made that evening. Light refreshments will be served. Members are encouraged to attend and bring friends to introduce the community to the excellent work of photographers. More information will be emailed to members.

Photographer Bob McDermott to Display at Worksmart, Downtown Glens Falls

Bob McDermott will be doing a retrospective of his travel photography at WorkSmart, 3 Warren St., in downtown Glens Falls, next to Burger King and the Civic Center, beginning in mid-June. The show will run into August and is an opportunity to journey back to some of the wonderful places he and his lovely wife Linda have visited over the years. There will be penguins and leopards and landscapes and people, Arctic and Antarctic scenes, polar bears and elephants and cathedrals and cemeteries and deserts, and more!



Notes From the Gallery Committee:

A new hanging system will soon be installed at the City Hall Gallery. Thanks to an occupancy tax grant from the City of Glens Falls, artists will be able to utilize a new hanging system that can accommodate various types of artworks and will make it easier for the Gallery Committee to install new artworks. In other news, commissions are now 30% at the Shirt Factory Gallery and 15% at the Second Floor Gallery, City Hall, a decrease of 5% in each instance.

Display Opportunity in Downtown Glens Falls

Work Smart, 3 Warren Street, is a shared workspace located in downtown Glens Falls that is interested in having NCA members display their art. NCA will not take part in the collection or hanging of work, and any collection of fees or sales made through Work Smart.

NCA Board Members

Officers

Judith Tully: President, Gallery Committee and Youth Visions Program Coordinator

JoAnn Johnson: Vice Pres. and Marketing Committee

Diane Dumouchel: Treasurer, Website Reviewer, Visions Program

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Bev Saunders - Labels and Programs

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Dennis Wilson: 2nd Floor Gallery Exhibit Writer

Stewart's Shops

2019 North Country Arts Schedule

Elements

Light & Color Everywhere

NCA Gallery, #114, The Shirt Factory

June 22 - August 3

Reception and Annual Meeting: June 22, 5-7 p.m.

NCA Photography Exhibit

Friends Gallery, Crandall Public Library

July 1 - July 27

Reception: July 1, 5-7 p.m.

Artists Open Studio Tour:

Lower Warren County: Aug 3 - Aug 4 (Shirt Factory & GF)

Upper Warren County: Aug 10 - Aug 11 (Lake George & North)

Squared

NCA Gallery, #114, The Shirt Factory

August 10 - September 21

Reception: August 10, 5-7 p.m.

Changes

NCA Gallery, #114, The Shirt Factory

September 28 - November 2

Reception: September 28, 5-7 p.m.



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**Studio Tour August 3 & 4 - The Shirt Factory, 71 Lawrence Street, Glens Falls & Queensbury
and August 10 & 11 - North Warren County**

NCA artists and the general public can look forward to North Country Arts second studio tour as 30 artists open their studios during two weekends in August.

Artists will be presenting a wide variety of work in all media. This year, 30 artists will display drawings, graphic designs, paintings, sculptures, pottery, jewelry, embroidery, prints and textiles.

The tour takes place on two weekends - August 3 & 4 and August 10 & 11. Artists who have studios in The Glens Falls Shirt Factory and Glens Falls area will be featured on August 3 & 4. On August 10 & 11, artists to the north in Warren County will open their studios to the public. A map of both areas is included in the brochure which will be distributed prior to the tour.



**Council on
the Arts**

All will be open from 10 a.m. thru 5 p.m. on each of these days.

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