

The Artist's View Opens In Studio #120 of the Shirt Factory

by Anne Nelson

On the evening of Saturday, June 12, 2021, North Country Arts opened the doors to the Shirt Factory Gallery for the first time in over fifteen months. From 5 - 7 p.m., NCA members -- as well as numerous guests and curious newcomers -- filled the gallery to capacity for the reception for The Artist's View.

The Artist's View, running until August 14, 2021, showcases the recent work of more than fifty established and up-and-coming regional artists and includes traditional and contemporary work in all media.

Board member Jacqueline Toubia, PhD, knew the event would be exciting for members and the general public alike, and had previously hinted that the reception would likely attract patrons interested in buying art. "Beautiful landscapes, colorful abstractions, remarkable sculpture, expressive photography, refined ceramics, portraits, and interpretations of historical works are all on display: an array of exciting artistic expression to enhance any home or business," she noted prior to the opening. Her instincts were right, and NCA sold three pieces the night of the opening reception; the buyers will return to the Shirt Factory Gallery at the close of the show to collect the pieces.

The event marked both NCA's return to the Shirt Factory, but also the first opportunity for any member of the public to view the #120 Gallery since March of 2020. The evening saw a remarkable number of brand new arts enthusiasts, but many familiar faces were in attendance as well. Among them was the gallery's original architect and designer, Greg Palestri, who appeared pleased to see the space again.

For many of the attendees, the reception was their first in over a year, and gallery volunteers noted that a large proportion of the attendees had traveled a considerable distance--whether from the Adirondacks, rural Washington and Saratoga counties, or the Capital District--to mingle with artists and view the work on display. Artist Laura Palmer reported that it was a pleasure to be out again and to see people. "It's a good feeling to go to a show again. The mood is good!"



Photo credit: Shane Frasier

The Artist's View will be on display until August 14, 2021 in the #120 Gallery in the Shirt Factory building at 71 Lawrence Street in Glens Falls, NY. The gallery is handicap accessible with parking in the Shirt Factory's Lawrence Street lot. Additional parking is available on Curran Street. A virtual version of the show will also be available after July 1, 2021 on NCA's website, northcountryarts.org.



NCA Gallery Move Offers New Opportunity to Members, by Nancy Austin

Big changes have come to North Country Arts as it reopens post-pandemic. When the larger gallery space of Suite #120 became available in the Shirt Factory, NCA board member Jacqueline Touba, Ph.D., saw an opportunity and began to explore the possibility of relocating there.

With a larger floor space for receptions, better lighting and a more centralized location to an entrance, it provided a more professional gallery that would draw better public attendance for receptions, special events and for purchasing art.

Following a license agreement to use the wall space for exhibitions, many board members devoted their time to cleaning the new space, moving from the previous gallery, and hanging newly submitted art on the walls.



The result is a brighter, more professional gallery with better lighting that will be appealing to the artists, buyers, and to those simply browsing. It is hoped that this new space will draw attention from the residents of the area, as well as tourists and second home owners.

Not only does this move add new life to North Country Arts, but it also complements the Shirt Factory's mission of promoting the arts to the community.

We are very proud to present the members of North Country Arts the opportunity to display their works in this new gallery!

We must keep the gallery open Thurs. through Sat. and need sitters for each day. When you drop off your artwork, please bring your calendars and be prepared to sign up for at least one spot.

President's Message

Dear North Country ARTS Members,

After a long hiatus, North Country ARTS is once again up and running.

We are now located in the Shirt Factory Gallery in Suite 120. If you haven't had an opportunity to visit our new suite, please do, the space is fabulous.

The new gallery provides additional opportunities to our members. All artists who participate in our shows can post their exhibited artwork on our website by sending JPEGs to Phil Casabona (phil.casabona@gmail.com). The information on how to proceed will be available at the time of drop-off.

The new space gives artists a chance to show a large body of work during our regular exhibits. More information about these opportunities will be sent to you via an e-blast.

The gallery is open from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Without membership participation, we will be unable to comply with our contractual obligations for keeping the space. Therefore, all artists who choose to exhibit their work must sit the gallery. Sign-up will take place during drop-off.

We are also looking forward to our Fall Workshops. You will be able to choose from a wide selection of classes presented by our talented and knowledgeable artist instructors. The descriptions, along with the times and dates of the classes, will be sent to you via e-mail, or, if you prefer, you can stop by the gallery for the information.

It's wonderful to be back, see you all soon,
Judith Atatoli Tully

Recent Grants Received by North Country Arts in 2021

NCA received a Bed Tax Grant of \$2200 from the City of Glens Falls, specifically to advertise the exhibitions at the new gallery #120. The funds will be divided among the four shows to be held during the remainder of 2021: Artist's View, Journeys, Vista and Celebration. The Marketing Committee will determine the best way to use the funding to obtain the most from the grant. Social media and traditional media will be explored. NCA already uses Facebook and Instagram but they could be used to better target audiences. NCA will also advertise in the Hyde Collection luncheon program in hopes of reaching art lovers who are members of the Hyde and who support the arts. If anyone has suggestions, let Dolores Thompson at clayconcepts@yahoo.com know.

LARAC announced the recipients of the 2021 Decentralization Funding and NCA will receive \$4525 for its Fall Workshop Series. There are eleven workshops planned that will be delivered by NCA members. They will take place from mid September to mid November in The Shirt Factory, some at Gallery #120 and some in the studio of Betty O'Brien. The workshops have to be coordinated with other workshops being held at the Gallery, which are scheduled by the building owner. A booklet will be prepared and the workshops will be marketed on social media. The workshops are:

Process of Writing by Bernice Mennis
Expressive Drawing/Painting by Betty O'Brien
Accordian Sketchbook by JoAnn Johnson
Clay Leaves by Dolores Thompson
Painting in Oils/Acrylic by Sheri Snedecker
Chip Carving by Dennis Wilson
Branding Your Art by Kate Austin-Avon
Haiku and Collage by Jacqueline Toubia, Ph.D.
Working with Pastel Pencils by David Francis, PSA-MP
Dry Needle Felting by Linda Buerkley
Nature Photography by Cynthia Soroka-Dunn

Workshop details will be available on our website in September.

Member News

Dolores Thomson, ceramic artist, is participating in the Artisan Trails of Washington County event, a self-guided art trail on July 10-11 and 17-18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day.

Pottery will be on display and for sale at her home, 108 Maple St. Hudson Falls.

For more info and a trail map visit: <https://www.artisan-trails.org>

She is also one of the artists in LARAC's Lapham Gallery Show:

Eyes Wide Open - Aug 20 – Sept 22, 2021

featuring new work by Fred Holman, Diane Swanson and Dolores Thomson

Opening Reception: Aug. 20, 5-7pm.

Dr. Jacqueline Toubia is exhibiting twelve of her watercolor batik *Birds in Mythology* at the Clifton Park Library through the month of August, 2021. This exhibition is part of the Saratoga Arts Program, Art in Public Places. The exhibit is open during library hours. The exhibit will include the following birds: Firebird, Phoenix. Celestial Swan, Feng Huang, Garuda, Ho-O, Peacock Angel, Shanyang, Simourgh, Siren, and Suzaku. Dr. Toubia creates a pen and ink drawing first and published a coloring book of those drawings. Prints and note cards of the birds are available at her studio, #118A in the Shirt Factory. She has just completed a new coloring book of her pen and ink drawings called *Images of Women*, inspired by 15th to 17th century Persian miniatures and plans a story book next year based on her paintings of the subject.



Artwork above by Dr. Jacqueline Toubia

NCA's Second Floor Gallery Summer 2021 Exhibits

BY DENNIS WILSON -

Summer 2021 brings with it an exhibition to NorthCountryARTS City Hall Gallery. We hope all NCA members can drop by to enjoy viewing it. The schedule is as follows:

2021 SPRING 2ND FLOOR GALLERY SCHEDULE	DATES OF DISPLAY	RECEPTION
Keri Dudek	6/18 - 8/6	no reception
NCA 2nd Floor Gallery Volunteers	8/9 - 9/24	no reception



Artist Keri Dudek, and past assistant educator at the Hyde Collection, will exhibit her paintings in NorthCountryARTS first show of 2021 at Second Floor Gallery. Living in Saratoga Springs, Keri has a degree in Art Education and pursues a career as an artist as well as an art educator. Keri paints in both watercolor and oils, and her inspirations are nature, memory and everyday objects and people.

As a child, Keri spent time on the Long Island beaches searching for what she calls “treasures in the sand.” She notes that the beach always changes: color, sky, sand textures are constantly altering providing the artist with much inspiration in the fluidity of natural forms.

With painting people, Keri is attracted to the subject at work, engaged in everyday activities essential to earning a living or caring for a home. For these paintings, Keri likes to use soft colors and textures to capture a certain magic in normal life.

Due to continuing Covid restrictions, there will be no reception.



All images on this page artwork by Keri Dudek

NCA Fall Workshops - Details & Registration, Visit northcountryarts.org

September		Time	Betty O'Brien's Studio	NCA Gallery #120
4	Sat	10:30-12:30	Expressive Drawing/Painting - Betty O'Brien	
11	Sat	10:30-12:30	Expressive Drawing/Painting - Betty O'Brien	
18	Sat	10:30-12:30	Expressive Drawing/Painting - Betty O'Brien	
18	Sat	9:00-12:00		Nature Photography Cynthia Sorokin-Dunn
25	Sat	10:30-12:30	Expressive Drawing/Painting - Betty O'Brien	
27	Mon	2:00-5:00		Process of Writing Connecting the Visual & Written Word Bernice Mennis
October				
2	Sat	9:30-1:30	Accordion Sketchbook - JoAnn Johnson	
9	Sat	11:00-2:00	Clay Leaves, Clay Concepts Studio - Dolores Thomson	
16	Sat	9:00-12:00		Haiku and Collage - Jacqueline Touba, Ph.D.
18	Mon	9:00-4:00		Chip Carving - Dennis Wilson
19	Tues	9:00-4:00		Chip Carving - Dennis Wilson
23	Sat	10:00-1:00	Painting in Oils/Acrylic- Sheri Snedecker	
27	Wed	3:00-5:00		Branding Your Art - Kate Austin-Avon
30	Sat	10:00-12:00		Working With Pastels - David Francis, PSA-MP
November				
6	Sat	10:00-12:00	Dry Needle Felting - Linda Buerkley	

NCA Board Members

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Robin Brewer: 2nd Floor Gallery Assistant

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Jim Tubbs: Gallery Committee

Dennis Wilson: 2nd Floor Gallery Exhibit Writer

Stewart's Shops

2021 North Country Arts Schedule

The Artist's View

Show continues until August 14

Pick up: August 14

Journeys

August 21 - September 25

Drop off: August 14

Pick up: September 25

Vista

October 2 - November 13

Drop off: September 25

Pick up: November 13

Celebration

November 20 - January 8

Drop off: November 13

Pick up: January 8



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