

The Arts NEWSLETTER



FALL 2022

Marina Petro - Featured Artist



Stormy Sunset

My early passion for painting set me on a life-long course of creative exploration.

The police officer at my high school in Long Island City, NY, also an award winning artist, introduced me to watercolor painting when I was 15 years old. One of the few paintings under his tutelage won first place in the annual St. Luke's Hospital Exhibit in NYC.

I also present workshops in Intuitive Painting and Developing Psychic/Intuitive Perception.

With that said, I fell in love with oil paint as my favorite medium. I am primarily a self-taught artist and clairvoyant with a thriving practice. My body of work ranges from visionary and celestial pieces to realistic landscapes, plein air, equine portraits, still life and bold abstract works . . . some of which are considered 'Healing Art.'

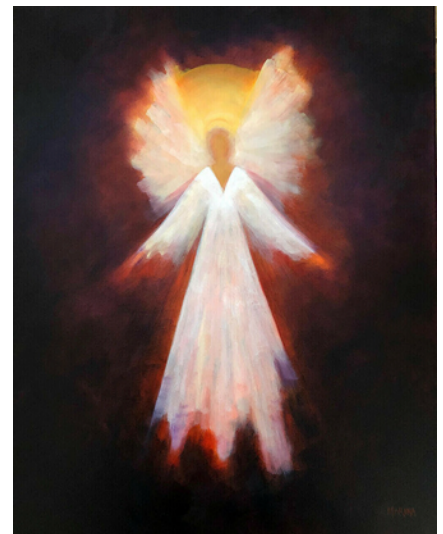
I paint what I love . . . what inspires me. Inspiration can come from simple everyday objects, driving through the countryside or city, or from my creative imagination. I love many things and seek to express the awesome beauty of this magnificent creation of Heaven and Earth through my paintings.



Icebound

Many of my paintings are created intuitively from my imagination. Painting from my inner world demands existing in the moment — responding to impulses and impressions as they arise and seek external life.

My still life pieces and more realistic landscapes and florals are painted from life or photographs. This provides the dynamic of a visual reference point in the external world — a radically different experience. One is my internal, spiritual world brought forth into visibility. The other brings the external world into, and through me, for expression. Each is a great adventure, providing unlimited possibilities for creative discovery.



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Four of my original paintings were purchased by Saratoga Hospital, in Saratoga Springs for their permanent collection of fine art. They are displayed on the new Orthopedic Surgery floor.



Lake George Heaven at Wiawaka

Artwork this page by Marina Petro.

My artwork has been used to illustrate national magazine articles, books, music CDs, wine bottle collections, business stationery, and featured in a variety of publications and national magazines. My paintings and prints are in private collections worldwide.



Psychedelic Pear

President's Message

Dear NCA Members,

This year has been most successful and I'm looking forward to the Fall and Winter with great anticipation. Our next exhibit, entitled R.O.Y.G.B.I.V., will open October 1st and will feature Susan Hoffer's solo show in the Elizabeth (Betty) O'Brien Solo Gallery. The year will conclude with our annual "Celebration" exhibit. Artists may submit two works of art for that show.

With a grant from the Town of Queensbury, we are embarking on a new and very exciting endeavor. NCA's Art Guide will be published and distributed in the beginning of 2023. The guide provides artists the opportunity to show their work in a beautifully designed book. If you are interested in publishing your work, please fill out the application that was sent to you and make sure to send attach three JPEGs to the application and send the information to Phil Casabona.

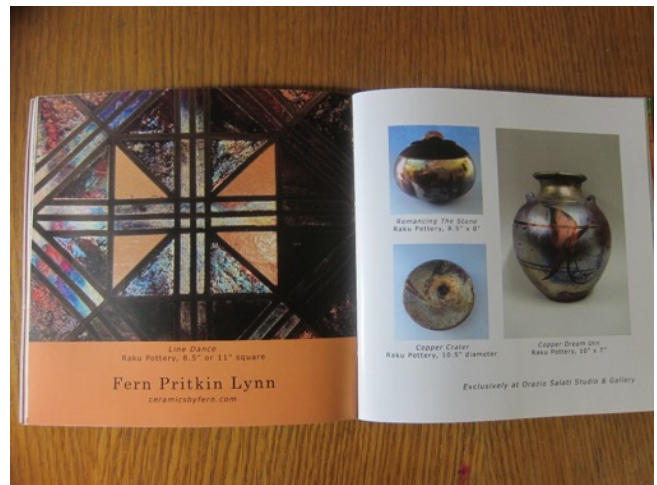
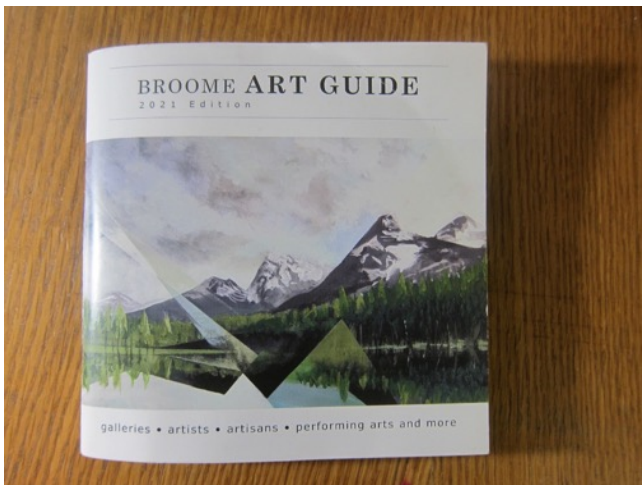
Once again, I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our Board of Directors and committee members. Without all of your hard work, NCA would not be as successful as it is. Organizations such as ours depend on volunteerism. We welcome all who are interested in sharing your time, expertise and enthusiasm. Please consider joining either the Board or one of our committees.

Sincerely,
Judith

North Country Arts - Art Guide 2022/23

North Country Arts plans to create a Guide to the Arts in Glens Falls, Queensbury and Warren County. This Guide will showcase a sample of artists' work who show at NCA's Gallery Exhibitions including information about their work, their contact information and website if they have one. A compact Guide is the type of publication that one keeps for reference and uses over and over. It would provide tourists a chance to look for and find artists they would like to follow and collect their work. This Guide

will put the art of nearly 100 artists directly in the hands of art lovers luring them to the exhibitions. In addition, arts organizations will be included in the Guide to allow the public to learn more about the importance of these cultural institutions. This Guide will showcase the rich diversity of art and culture in the North Country of New York. It will be a publication to attract the cultural tourist to the region who may be looking for an attraction in addition to the lakes and racing. See the included sample of this type of publication published by Broome County including Binghamton.



The project will entail having artist members of arts organizations submit photos of their work and also the galleries and museums that show their work. The Guide will be designed by SideKick Creative and will be printed by Glens Falls Printing. It will be distributed to tourist centers, Chambers of Commerce, museums, galleries, arts councils, theaters, libraries and other cultural organizations. NCA received a Bed Tax Grant from the Town of Queensbury which will partially support this project, but the remainder must be raised by fees to participate. Since the grant covers half the cost, the fees have remained low.

It is open to both members and non-members. Go to www.northcountryarts.org for more information and the form. Your information and photos go to Philip Casabona at: phil.casabona@gmail.com

FAQs:

What is the NCA Art Guide?

- North Country Arts first pictorial narrative featuring artists and arts organizations unique to the North Country in New York State.
- A 6" x 6", 60-page, full color, high quality, printed collectible booklet
- To be released in 2023
- The inside front cover feature sponsored by the Town of Queensbury

Who can be in the NCA Art Guide?

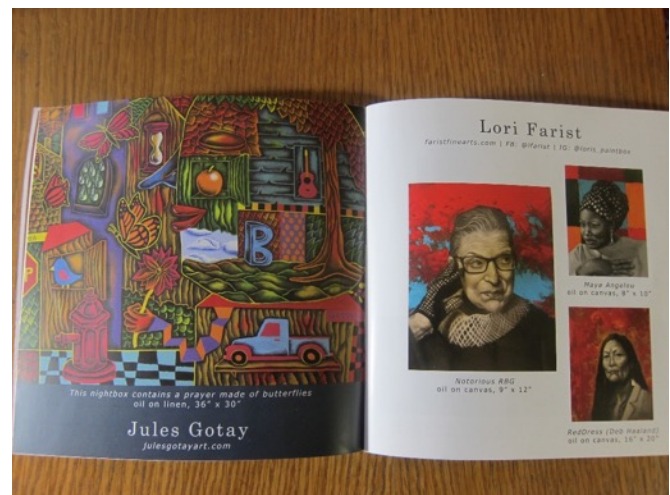
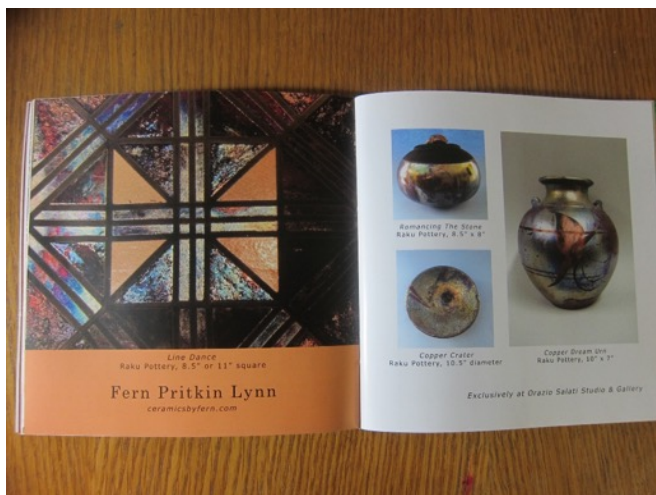
- Visual artists: 2D and 3D, art studios, Arts District Organizations, and Queensbury Arts Organizations
- Must be living, working or exhibiting in the North Country
- If applicable, please provide a link to a website, exhibition page or an e-commerce store
- Required fee is \$50 per featured page (two pages maximum)
- Selections for the North Country Arts Art Guide are limited. Featured participants are at the discretion of North Country Arts

Where will the NCA Art Guide be Distributed?

- All artist and arts organization participants
- Regional arts district organizations and art councils, regional galleries, art studios, and artisanal shops
- Regional visitor centers, Chambers of Commerce and welcome centers

How can I be featured?

Visit northcountryarts.org for an application and information. Funding for the North Country Arts 2023 Art Guide is made possible in part by a grant from the Town of Queensbury, NY.



Clay Concepts Pottery Studio - Fall Session starts September 19, 2022.

Offering: Pottery wheel classes, hand building workshops, "Try-it" Classes & Private Lessons

Visit the website for class descriptions, schedules and information - clayconceptspottery.com



NCA ART GUIDE

Send an email with the following information to
phil.casabona@gmail.com

Your Full Name (required)

Contact info:

Your Email (required)

Phone # (required)

Website Address (if applicable)

Social Media Accounts

FaceBook:

Instagram:

Other:

Art Medium / Titles

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Attach up to 3 JPG images of artwork, 300 dpi resolution

Artists may request 1-2 pages, up to 3 images per page (include additional image info)

Members, please submit by September 15, 2022.

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The participation fee, per page (up to 2 pages), will be due
once you have been notified of acceptance.

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Glens Falls School District Art Teachers - NCA's Second Floor Gallery City Hall, Fall 2022 Exhibit

BY DENNIS WILSON -

Fall 2022 brings with it solo exhibitions from art teachers from the Glens Falls School District. We hope all NCA members can drop by to enjoy viewing it. The schedule is as follows:

2022 FALL 2ND FLOOR GALLERY SCHEDULE	DATES OF DISPLAY	RECEPTION
Marta Baxter	8/8 - 8/9	2nd floor City Hall Gallery
Glens Falls School District Art Teachers	9/12 - 10/21	2nd floor City Hall Gallery

City Hall Gallery's first show of autumn, 2022 will highlight the varied works of art teachers in the Glens Falls School District. Katie Hjelm, Rick Butto, Miranda Kent, Lynne Dougherty, Jennifer Girard,

Susan Botch, Debbie Sylvia and Suzanne Reed will offer photography, paintings, drawing, ceramics, jewelry and several other art forms.

This exhibit will be one of NorthCountryArts more varied and complex ones. Be sure to come and see it!

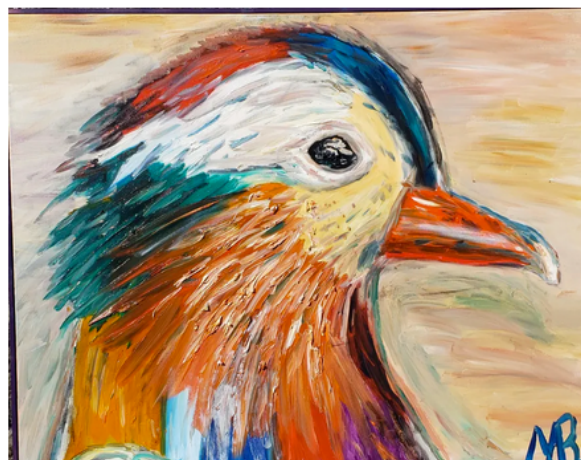
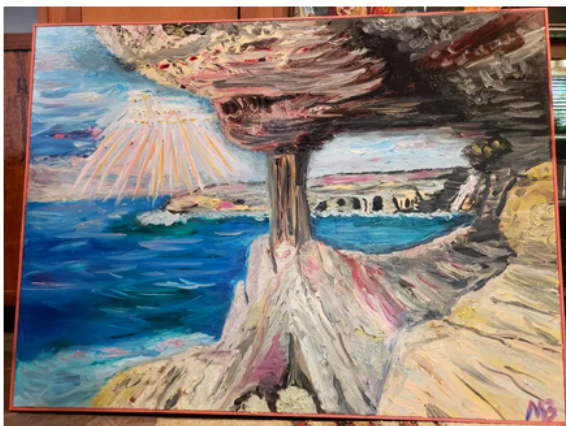
The Art of Marta Baxter

Marta Baxter credits her parents and her art professor at Plattsburgh State, William Crosby, with motivating her interest in art. At Plattsburgh State she majored in Education but enjoyed her oil painting classes so much that art became a primary interest. Presently she completes one or two oil paintings per week.

An ardent traveler, Marta photographs scenes from her travels and does oil pastels on location. Her paintings create interest and emotion through bright colors and dramatic brush strokes. In this way she invites the viewer to experience what she felt while at the location and creating the painting. Her subjects include closeups of colorful feathers, flowers, and animals as well as ocean scenes and sunrises.

Marta exhibits her work prolifically and has had shows with the Saratoga Art Association, Saratoga Art in the Park, NorthCountryArts, LARAC, Lark Street Art Festival in Albany, and Uncommon Grounds in Saratoga Springs. Recently she has produced designs for Ocean Safari, a clothing manufacturer of beach apparel, exhibited her paintings in Charlotte Amelia, capital of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and in 2021 won an award for Best Use of Color at a show sponsored by the James Fenimore Museum in Cooperstown. Her art has also been featured on ABC Channel 10 News.

Marta has a business, MAB Designs LLC in Ballston Spa, and a website, mabdesign.net. Below: Cyprus (l) and Just Ducky (r)



What's Happening at The Shirt Factory

Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Apple Versus Pumpkin Fall Throwdown

Food Trucks, Vendors, Pumpkin Carving Contest, Movies & More, low cost activities for kids and families, including pumpkin painting. From 5 - 6 p.m. there will be a pumpkin carving contest with guest judges and a prize for crowd favorite.

November 25 - 27, and December 10 - 11, Both weekends, **Holiday Open House**, Open studios, meet the artists, for every \$25 spent at the building, receive a chance to win a gift basket. Check The Shirt Factory Facebook page for more details.

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Adelaide Walsh-Leibold: Juror's Choice, Fine Art and Photography Show Coordinator at Crandall Public Library, Gallery Committee

2022 North Country Arts Schedule

R.O.Y.G.B.I.V.

October 1 - November 12

Drop off: September 24

Pick up: November 12

Celebration

November 19 - January 7

Drop off: November 12

Pick up: January 7



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