

NCA Exhibit Space at Queensbury Hotel, Mezzanine Gallery, Glens Falls

NCA members have a new downtown venue to display their creativity for both viewing and for sale. The newly remodeled Queensbury Hotel has offered NCA a display area that will rotate several art shows during the year. It is in the mezzanine area on the 2nd floor where guests congregate to have morning coffee and snacks. This makes it a high visibility area since many travelers will be there in the mornings getting breakfast items.

Drop off dates will be announced by e-blasts and the NCA newsletter throughout the year and artwork will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. A fee of \$20 is paid by the artist for a three-month exhibition for displaying one piece. Space is limited and if you are accepted in one show, but couldn't get in due to limited number, you will be the first to be included the next show.

Details:

1. **One piece** with a limit of 24 inches on any side. All media accepted.
2. Drop off dates - announced by e-blast and in newsletter.
3. All art must be ready to hang.
4. Only 2D art unless 3D art can be hung.
5. Note: This is a public space which is not always monitored, so there is a risk of theft and damage (risk to be assumed by artist).
6. Fee: \$20 for a three-month exhibition.

Sales will be handled through LARAC Lapham Gallery and contact information will be posted at the exhibit area as well as the first floor lobby.

First 2024 Show at Queensbury Hotel - Drop off and art pick-up from last show: January 13, 12 - 4 p.m.
Show dates: January 14 to March 30
First come, first served, only 20 pieces accepted



GRANTS FOR NCA IN 2024 — Jacqueline Touba, Ph.D.

NYSCA Decentralization Grant for 2024

An application was made in December, 2023 to NYSCA Decentralization administered by LARAC to fund a project dealing with the effect of climate change on the environment as seen through the arts. It will entail newly composed music for a ballet and an art exhibition both of which will deal with this important subject. The amount requested is \$5000 but additional funds will be needed via sponsors. The performance and exhibition will take place in September 2024 at the Wood Theater. Artists should start thinking about participating in this project.

Expressions 2024 funded by the Touba Family Foundation

A grant for \$1600 was received for the annual juried art show Expressions to be held in May, 2024. The juror for this year's show will be Susan Hoffer, winner of multiple awards and whose work is in regional museums. This show is open to both members and non-members and the fees for non-members will be more than for members. More information about this show will be forth coming. Substantial awards will be available. Artists start thinking about what you plan to submit for this popular show.

City of Glens Falls Bed Tax Grant for 2024

Plans are in progress to apply for a grant to fund production of a video that will show our three galleries at the Shirt Factory, Glens Falls City Hall and the Queensbury Hotel in addition to the shows at Crandall Public Library in July and December. A free opportunity has been offered to NCA to show the video by Lake George TV and other venues. It can also be used on social media.

This year's project brought Music and Art performed at the NCA Gallery at the Shirt Factory on three Saturday's and was well received by the public. It brought new people into the gallery.

Town of Queensbury Bed Tax Grant for 2024

The project for next year may be for print advertising in the 518 magazine but it is still to be determined. The project for 2023 was to create lists of Galleries, Museums, Theaters, Art Departments in Universities, Chambers of Commerce and Tourism Agencies, in New York State Hudson Valley, Central New York, Capital Region, and the Adirondacks. In addition galleries and museums in Western Massachusetts were included in the first mailing of 400 NCA Arts Guide. The next mailing will include western Vermont, Northern New Jersey, and other areas. ***To complete this we need volunteers willing to help build the lists in these areas. If you are interested in assisting in this project, email jstouba@verizon.net.***

NEW NCA GALLERY AT THE MEZZANINE IN THE QUEENSBURY HOTEL

NCA has offered to show our members art where tourists have their morning coffee. All art is for sale and NCA has information how to buy the art, The Hotel has also let NCA put signs near all the vending machine, and one in the first floor lobby.

Now they are offering NCA the large window at the Ridge St. entry after the holidays. NCA is in the process of creating the material for the large poster which will be designed by Advokate with photos by Drew Monthie and made by M and M.

We hope this will not only drive people to the mezzanine but to all the other NCA galleries as well. **The next drop off from our members to show art there is on Sat. January 13, 2024 from 12 to 4.** The exhibit is limited to 20 pieces so it is first come first serve. These are seasonal shows that run for three months.

President's Message

Dear North Country Arts Members,

On behalf of North Country Arts, I would like to extend my best wishes to you for a happy, creative and prosperous new year. We have much to look forward to in 2024. I hope you take the opportunity to show your art during this year.

North Country Arts is the only art organization the capital region and the North Country that gives members the opportunity to exhibit art multiple times a year. I hope you will take the opportunity to show at our Shirt Factory Gallery, the Queensbury Hotel, the Glens Falls City Hall 2nd Floor Gallery or the Friends Gallery at the Crandall Library. The 2024 rack card will be sent to you within the next few weeks.

North Country Arts is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide opportunities, encouragement, and promotion to the artists of the North Country. Organizations such as NCA depend on volunteerism. We have accomplished much but continue to need assistance. Any help you can give us either large or small is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Judith Aratoli Tully

Fine Arts Show Results

NCA's annual Fine Arts Show was on display during December at Crandall Public Library's Friends Gallery. At the reception, on December 7th, NCA announced four award winners by our juror, Diane Swanson. She did an outstanding job in her selections and praised all the participants for the quality of their work.

The 2023 Juror's Choice award winners are:

Joan Reid for her monotype/pastel titled "At that Moment! Climbing Out of the Dark"
Debbie Clinton for her colored pencil drawing titled "Red Fox"
Gail Peck for her acrylic painting titled "The Wave"
Ruth Crotty for her oil painting "Intersection" (not pictured)



Above: Debbie Clinton, "Red Fox"
Right: Joan Reid, "At the Moment!
Climbing Out of the Dark"
Below: Gail Peck, "The Wave"



**2024 FALL NCA'S 2ND FLOOR
CITY HALL GALLERY
SCHEDULE**

**DATES OF
DISPLAY**

by Dennis Wilson

Hannah Williams and Anthony Richichi	1/13 - 3/30
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Rosie Badera	3/30 - 6/29
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Deborah Bryk	6/29 - 9/28
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Donna Britton	9/28 - 1/4
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When I learned that Hannah Williams was a 2024 exhibitor in NCA's 2nd floor Glens Falls City Hall Gallery, I thought immediately of two things: 1) the outstanding mural she created at 20 Warren St., the mural with the bear and the large owl in flight, and 2) Peter Shaffer's 1990 Tony Award winning play *Lettice and Lovage*.

What does an Adirondack themed mural in Glens Falls have in common with a London-New York play? I'll answer this question in capital letters, underline it, and give it its own paragraph so all my readers get the point:

THE ABSOLUTE NEED IN MODERN LIFE FOR BEAUTIFUL PUBLIC ART

Hannah's website lists 29 public murals she has created in a variety of towns and cities, Glens Falls, Slingerlands, Albany, Warrensburg, and Yuma, Arizona among them. In addition to painting murals, she also paints portraits, pets, and weddings. She is the winner of many awards and has been the subject of media articles and filmed interviews. If you want to paint a mural yourself, first take her class, Mural Painting 101, at SUNY Adirondack.

By the way, the play starred the great British actress Dame Maggie Smith who won the 1990 Tony Award for her portrayal of a tour guide who was tireless in her efforts to bring great colorful public art to the drab, depressing exteriors of big city buildings.

Thank you, Hannah, for doing the same to Glens Falls!

Anthony Richichi joins Hannah Williams in the gallery's first 2024 exhibit. A versatile, award-winning artist in many fields, Anthony writes children's books, paints, does theatrical settings, helps make films, and makes music with Lock 9, a local music group. Two projects he's done will be permanently displayed. The City of Glens Falls has asked him to paint an Adirondack Chair that will go on permanent display in Japan's Saga City to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Glens Falls-Saga City Sister Cities program.

A second project involved his donation to Wiawaka House, the women's retreat center on Lake George, of his portrait of Georgia O'Keefe.

Art this page by Hannah Williams





Above: by Anthony Richichi

Noted for the surrealistic style of his work, Anthony paints in acrylics, does portraits and landscapes, and has a group of paintings he calls his “Fractured Reality Series.” He produces comic books and illustrates his own children’s books. In 2021 he teamed up with Saratoga Springs Publishing to both write and illustrate *ColorWorld*, in which a small boy using his imagination creates his own world through art.

Anthony has won two local noteworthy awards. In 2019 he won Saratoga Arts “Best in Show” at its Art In The Park event, and in 2021 *The Post Star* awarded Anthony First Place in its Best of the Region list.

Exhibit Two: Rosie Badera (www.rosiearts.com)

Retiring seven years ago from life as a business executive, Rosie took up new interests in painting with oils and acrylics and in making pottery. During her working years, business interests took her around the world where she explored the art collections in different museums, and after retirement she was motivated to become an artist herself.

She studied art with several great artists, and she mentions Kathy Anderson, Don Demers and others as particular influences. She found she had a talent for acrylic and oil painting. Presently a full-time artist, she is a member of Oil Painters of America, the Portrait Society of America, LARAC and North Country Arts.

Rosie credits her collection of ceramic mugs, which she purchased during her world travels, with developing an interest in making her own pottery. To date, she has done over 200 paintings and over 100 ceramic pieces of many kinds.



Exhibit 3: Deborah Bryk (www.deborahbrykphotography.com)

Deborah's exhibit will have special appeal to lovers of nature. A resident of Saratoga Springs, she has specialized in wildlife photography for much of her life. At 16, she received her first camera and learned to develop the film after her father built her a darkroom in their basement. A Dean's List student at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, she now works mostly with digital images: birds, plants, streams and also the rural American landscape.

Deborah also provides various digital photographic services through a program called SmugMug, and offers photographic prints for sale on her website. Images below by Deborah Bryk.



Exhibit 4: Donna Britton

As Donna began photographing her husband's motorcycle, she had no idea it would be a subject in her art. The shapes, forms and lines fascinated her and motivated her to add her own motorcycle-like shapes, forms and lines to create original, imaginative compositions. She crops her compositions and uses bold, contrasting colors to create the excitement and energy of the bikes rather than realistic depictions of them.

Donna holds a BA in Art Education and an MA in Administration and Supervision; she taught ART for 31 years in Hudson Falls. She works with a variety of styles and materials: abstract design, still life, landscapes, drawing, block prints, and many others.

The abstract motorcycle acrylic paintings are her most recent pieces. In 2023 she displayed thirty motorcycle themed paintings in her show "Motorpsychedelic" at the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts. "Lookin for Adventure," another motorcycle themed painting, won a Second Place award at the Paul Nigra Center Fall/Winter Juried Show. Donna has shown her work in many galleries: LARAC, the Hyde Collection, the Paul Nigra Center, NorthWind Fine Arts Gallery among them.

The Adirondack Center for the Arts Shares Their Art Schedule for 2024

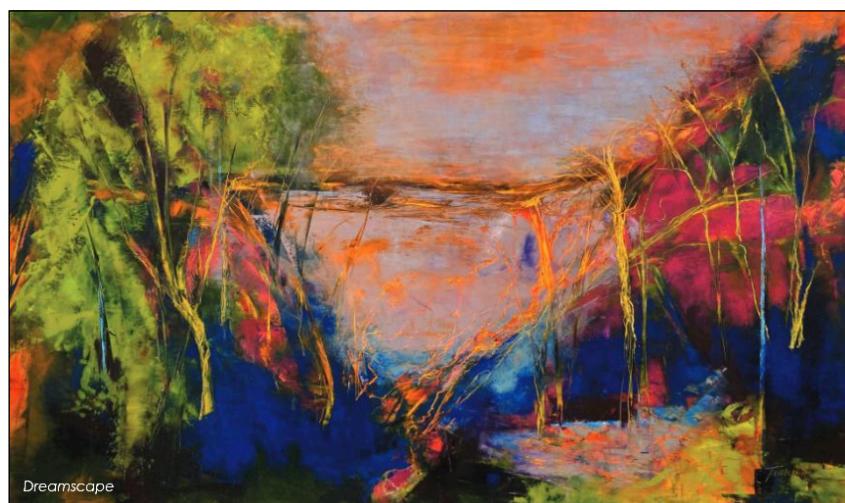
www.adirondackarts.org

The Arts Center operates within the six-million acre Adirondack Park, a "Forever Wild" region. Although the park's wilderness setting is breathtaking, residents face geographic isolation and economic challenges. By taking art "out of the building," the Arts Center enhances the quality of life in the communities we serve, including Indian Lake, Long Lake, Newcomb, Inlet, Old Forge, North Creek, Tupper Lake, and beyond. Arts Center programs serve all ages and abilities and provide the kind of shared experiences that build strong communities.

Member News

Painting from the Subconscious

Artist Terry Teitelbaum was recently featured in *Lake Champlain Weekly* and has displayed her art at Ticonderoga Arts as well as in NCA's Expressions Show, where she received the People's Choice award in 2023. She previously worked as a costume designer at Bennington College theater department, and upon retiring, turned her attention to painting. Her "subconscious" paintings are filled with color and light, and mirror the sheer fabrics she previously worked with. Throughout her work, you can see attention to proportion, line and color that reflect natural elements of horizon lines, water and trees. She has shown her work at LARAC as well as the Southern Vermont Arts Center in Manchester, VT.





2nd Floor Gallery at Glens Falls City Hall

APPLICATION FOR 2024

ARTIST'S NAME _____
PHONE # _____
EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
WEBSITE _____

DIGITAL IMAGES – ARTIST'S STATEMENT – ARTIST'S BIO

For consideration please submit the following:

***THREE DIGITAL IMAGES** that represent work you will be exhibiting. IF YOU ARE SELECTED, the images will be used in our newsletter, other publications, and social media.

***DIGITAL IMAGES**, along with **ARTIST STATEMENT** and **ARTIST BIO** should be E-MAILED to contact person,
ROBIN BREWER, at elizabeth122935@gmail.com

***MAIL** the completed **APPLICATION FORM**, along with signed **LIABILITY FORM** and **ARTIST RESPONSIBILITY** agreement to:
Robin Brewer
46 Candleberry Drive
Queensbury, NY 12804

BE SURE TO MAKE COPIES FOR YOURSELF



EXPRESSIONS 2024

NCA's 20234 Juried Art Exhibition will be at
NCA Studio # 120 at the Shirt Factory
71 Lawrence St., Glens Falls, New York 12801

Saturday May 4 to Saturday June 15, 2024.
Opening and Awards -
Saturday May 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.

A maximum of 2 pieces may be dropped off
Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 12 to 4pm.
Pick up after Jurying will be
Sat. April 27, 2024 from 12 to 4pm
AWARDS

Gold: \$500, Silver: \$350, Bronze: \$250, Honorable Mention \$100

Jurying: JUROR IS SUSAN HOFFER, TWO TIME WINNER OF NCA AWARDS AND LONG TIME REGIONAL ARTIST WHO HAS WON NUMEROUS AWARDS.

Eligibility: Art will be accepted from within a 150 mile radius from Glens Falls in any direction but art must be delivered and picked up.

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

Original artwork only.

Work Not Accepted must be picked up Sat. April 27, 2024 from 12-4
71 Lawrence St. Glens Falls, at the designated times. No shipping.

Submission: .

All entries must be submitted at Studio #120 at The Shirt Factory. The entry form can be filled out there but preferred is to **print it out from the NCA website** northcountryarts.org and complete in advance. The numbers on the side will be **assigned at drop off**. List sizes up to the nearest inch. Print your email legibly so you can be contacted about acceptance.

Nonrefundable Jurying Fee:

Jurying fee is \$25 for NCA Members and \$35 for Non-Members for two submissions.

Payment with check or cash must be made during Drop-Off. No Charges

Art supply Store Acts Locally, and Digitally

Green Art Supply, aka local/online art supply thrift shop, has announced its recent opening in Greenwich, NY. “The number one goal of Green Art Supply is to keep useful materials out of the landfill and put them in the hands of artists and crafters who can use them,” said Christine Levy, who originated this concept. “A second goal is to support a community of local artists and crafters and to encourage creativity through the arts. There is a need for such a thrift shop in our area, given the large number of artists and lack of low priced artist supplies.”

Green Art Supply uses a different business approach known as local/online. Local/online is a business model where products are sold to local customers via an online storefront. There is no shipping or delivery; the customer picks up their purchases in Greenwich. The buyer is able to specify their pickup day and time when they place their order. By having an all online shop, prices can be kept extremely low and savings passed along to the customer. Buyers have all the benefits of online shopping, while the local economy benefits by bringing in customers from nearby areas, keeping sales tax receipts locally, and attracting shoppers to other businesses in the area when they come to pick up their purchases.

The thrift shop sells artist and crafters supplies at greatly discounted prices (typically 60- 80% off retail). Customers can browse the extensive inventory for oils, acrylics, canvas, pencils, ink pens, markers, fabrics, wood crafts, jewelry, beads, clay, bisque, tools, and so much more! New items are added daily. The web shop is kept up to date, offering detailed descriptions, photographs, and creative suggestions.

Green Art Supply also buys gently used or new art materials and is interested in buying arts and craft items from anyone who no longer needs them.

Learn more at GreenArtSupply.com or by contacting Chris@greenartsupply.com or 518-350-4140.



Painting Classes

Painting classes at The Shirt Factory, Thursdays
3-5 p.m.

email: spiritualreid@gmail.com.



Art Classes

Beginners and experienced

Painting Classes

Thursdays 3:00 to 5:00

Learn about color mixing, composition, brushes, how to go from a blank canvas to a finished painting, & much more. Experienced Artists, Hone your skills.

**Joan Reid, Art & Healing Arts
Studio 311 at The Shirt Factory**

Contact me at spiritualreid@gmail.com
for more information

2nd Floor Gallery, City Hall Exhibit Space

NCA's 2nd Floor Gallery, Glens Falls City Hall, has a new format for 2024. We will be showcasing artists during the year following a seasonal calendar, thus four three-month shows yearly. The shows will run from Jan 1 to March 30, April 1 to June 30, July 1 to Sept. 30, Oct. 1 to Dec. 30.

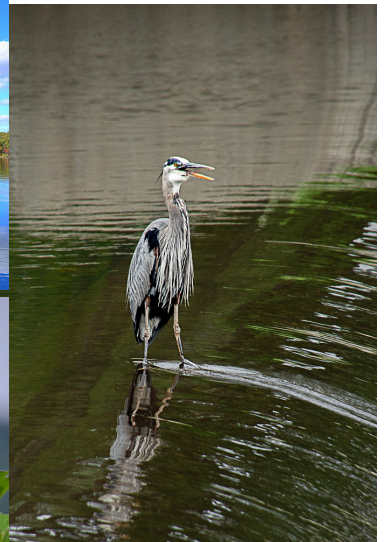
There will be no exhibition fee for the artist or commission percentage on artwork sold.

Artists exhibiting need to be up to date on membership fees and they will be responsible for setting up and advertising their own reception.

The gallery space is for solo shows featuring either one or two collaborating artists. The gallery will no longer be offered for groups. NCA has had a long history with Glens Falls City Hall, and will continue its partnership in supporting the arts in our area.

Call for Art

If you are interested in exhibiting at the 2nd floor gallery, please go to the NCA website northcountryarts.org and download the instructions for applying. If you have any questions, you can reach the NCA contact person, Robin Brewer, elizabeth122935@gmail.com or at 518 260-5313. We are now accepting applications for 2025.



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2024 North Country Arts Schedule

Imagine

January 13 - February 24

Drop off: January 6, 12 - 4 p.m.

Reception: January 13, 5-7 p.m.

Don't Worry; It's Only Art

March 2 - April 20

Drop off - February 24

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

Expressions Juried Show

May 4 - June 15

Drop off - April 20

Reception May 4, 5-7 p.m.

Queensbury Hotel Mezzanine, 2nd floor

January 14- March 30

Drop off - January 13, only 20 pieces accepted

NCA Member Show at Mountain Gallery

January 19 - February 14

Drop off: January 11 to 13, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pick up: February 15 to 17, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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