

The Arts NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2025

Expressions

On May 3rd, the Expressions 2025 juried exhibition opened at the NCA Gallery #120 in the Shirt Factory with an overflowing crowd. Juror Dr. Derin Tanyol had the daunting task of picking around 75 pieces from a total of 140 submitted for this year's show.

From the ones selected to be included in the exhibition, she chose the following for the four awards. They were as follows:

Gold award of \$500 went to Cindy Handy for her painting *Vivid Tangle*.

Silver award of \$350 went to Stephanie Gabris, for her photograph *Segments*.

Bronze award of \$250 went to Phil Merlino for his photograph *Mount Adams Tower*.

Finally, Honorable Mention award of \$100 went to Jenny Horstman for her painting *Still Life #2*.

Thanks to the many people involved in making this a successful event. The exhibition will continue through June 14, open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. It is a beautiful show not to be missed.

Expressions Awards Winners

From l to r: Philip Casabona, President of NCA Board, Stephanie Gabris, *Segments*, Phil Melino, *Mount Adams Tower*, Jenny Horstman, Honorable Mention, *Still Life*; Dr. Jacqueline Touba, Treasurer of NCA Board; Painting by Cindy Handy, Gold, behind Dr. Touba. (Cindy Handy absent from photo).



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A Special Exhibition at The Hyde Collection

Last November, NCA held a pop-up exhibition on Climate Change in the Rotunda of The Hyde Collection as part of the musical presentation on the same subject. It was very well received and the Hyde has agreed to host a month long exhibition for NCA members in the Rotunda during the summer month of July. During the summer, the Hyde Collection is open an extra day and it is a time when there is an optimum number of visitors. NCA's board has decided that the theme for this exhibition will be "Reflections". The exhibition will be open only to NCA members. Enclosed in this newsletter is an information sheet with all the details about the exhibition. You will have a whole month to create a new work of art or review what you have done in the past and choose something related to the theme.

Since the space is limited, only one piece can be accepted. The artist's contact information will be in the program and all sales will be between the artist and the buyer. We are not allowed to put the price on the ID tags. We hope that this can be the beginning of an ongoing relationship with The Hyde Collection. If you have a completed piece, please send a photo of it to Phil Casabona at phil.casabona@gmail.com. The photos will be reviewed by the Board and be considered to be used in marketing the exhibition and/or on the card or program.

A New Program in the Fall

NCA is considering to have an art critique afternoon or evening at the NCA Gallery for artists who wish to share their work with fellow artists and to discuss their reactions. Since summer is so busy for everyone, including NCA with three exhibitions, this will be introduced in the fall. We want this to be a fun time when we can learn from each other. More details as to date and time will be forthcoming about this, which was proposed by one of our members. If anyone has any other ideas about this, let our president, Phil Casabona know at phil.casabona@gmail.com.



REFLECTIONS 2025

Member Only Special Exhibition

at *The Hyde Collection Rotunda*

161 Warren St., Glens Falls, New York 12801

Thursday July 3 to Monday August 4, 2025.

Reception -Thursday July 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Includes Free Admission to the Hyde

A maximum of ONE piece may be dropped off

Sunday, June 29, 2025 from 12 to 2 p.m.

Pick Up will be Sat. August 9 Time: 12 to 2 p.m.

Eligibility: This is a member only opportunity.

Media may include photography, painting, printmaking, pastel, digital art, mixed media, collage, or sculpture only if it can be hung.

Maximum Frame Dimensions: Width 30 inches due to curvature of the wall.

Original artwork only. All sales will be handled between the artist and the client. No commission to NCA but tax must be collected.

Clients may find the email address of the artist in the program.

Submission:

Art must be submitted at THE HYDE COLLECTION, 161 WARREN ST. GF, in the Rotunda, Ground Floor on June 29, 12 to 2 p.m..

Hanging fee is \$25 Payment with check or cash must be made during Drop-Off.

No Credit Cards

If you have a piece ready by June 1 or before, send an image to Phil Casabona at phil.casabona@gmail.com to be used in both The Hyde Collection and NCA marketing.

Cut Here

Bring this to Drop Off and Attach to the Back of your Art

Name of Artist _____ email: _____

Title of Piece : _____ Media: _____

High School Student Scholarships

Thanks to a grant from the Stewart's Holiday Match, North Country Arts was able to present scholarships to five high school students who were accepted into the Hyde Collection Annual High School Art Exhibition. The students receive an annual NCA membership and vouchers to participate in six non-juried North Country Arts exhibitions and one juried exhibition in 2025 or 2026 at its Gallery 120 in the Shirt Factory, Glens Falls. It allows the students to learn what is required to participate in a professional art gallery and to show their work along with many varied artists from the region.

The five students chosen this year are as follows: Estella Kvintaug, 11th grade, Cambridge Jr. and Sr. High School for *The Rabbit Hole* in white charcoal; Elizabeth Stevens, 10th grade, Glens Falls High School for *Central Park* in acrylic; Madeline Buck, 11th grade, Queensbury High School for *Multiplicity* in digital photography; Theresa Richter, 10th grade, Saratoga Springs High School for *Front Page Feline* in Prismacolor pencil and graphic; and Felicity Lilac, 10th grade, South Glens Falls High School for *Radiant Shapes* in oil pastels. Dr. Jacqueline Touba, founder of the World Awareness Children's Museum and Board member of North Country Arts was the Juror.

North Country Arts Annual Photography Show

Every year, NCA offers our annual Photography show in the Friends Gallery of Crandall Public Library for the month of July.

The show is offered to members of NCA and non-members. Fees are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Annual membership is \$35. There will be a reception and awards ceremony at the Friends Gallery.

Dates for drop off, reception and awards will be announced at a future date. Jurors name will be provided then, also.

For more information contact Adelaide at 518-316-1629 or 1bthedog14@gmail.com



**The Art of
New York**
Annual Juried Art Show


The Boiling Pot, Canajoharie



On View
May 9 – July 20


Terry Teitelbaum, *Deeper Still*


Marcie Schwartzman, *Orb with Glass*


Mary Nolan – *After the Rain*


Deborah Bayly, *Winslow Drying After The Rain*

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Member News

Diane Swanson will exhibit a large selection of watercolor paintings in her solo show at the Valley Artisans Market Small Gallery in Cambridge, NY, May 9 through June 2. Many of her new works in the show explore the nocturne genre, inspired by the night and how light and color play together in the dark. Opening Reception on Saturday, May 10, 3 - 5 p.m. at Valley Artisans Market, 25 East Main Street, Cambridge, NY.



2025 NCA'S 2ND FLOOR GALLERY AT G.F. CITY HALL, DATES OF DISPLAY

Ann Womack	April - June
Michael Ristau	July - September
Debbie Clinton	October - December

by Dennis Wilson

Ann Womack's beautiful acrylic, mixed media paintings are on exhibit at Second Floor Gallery until the end of June. Using a variety of items including multi-colored paper layers and sticks, she reflects on our ever-changing world with inspiration from music, especially mandolins, and textiles.

On Friday, April 4, a reception was held for Ann's exhibit, and it included live music from "The Beat Generation," a band that includes both local and international musicians. Band members include Miklos Frirsz, Steve Wink, Neil Goes, and vocalist Lawrence White; Beat Generation music is available on Spotify, Apple and You Tube among others.

City Hall Gallery exhibiting artists are always encouraged to provide food, drinks, live music, and any other form of entertainment or instruction related to the art in the exhibit.

City Hall Gallery's third artist of the year is nature photographer Michael Ristau. Michael divides his time between northern and southern New York as well as Southern California and is inspired in his photography by these diverse areas. With his pictures he wants to capture nature's essence — its "delicate balance of intricacy and simplicity" in views that include landscapes as well as detailed closeups.

An email or text announcement regarding the date of Michael's reception will be coming out as summer approaches. Also coming out in email or text will be a description of the colored pencil art of Debbie Clinton, the gallery's last artist of 2025.



Scenes from Ann Womack's reception at Glens Falls City Hall.



Michael Ristau will be exhibiting his amazing photography in the Glens Falls City Hall Gallery July through September. Examples below:



Member News

Pamela Stendardi will be showing some of her work at The Blooming Artist Gallery in Clifton Park at 675 Grooms Road. The show is "Summer's Glory" April 24 - June 14.

Nancy Powhida and **Constance Dodge** are having an exhibition at Birds of a Feather Studio & Gallery in Chestertown in June.

■ Constance A. Dodge


■ Nancy R. Powhida


June 4 – 29 2025 Meet the Artists: Saturday, June 14 • Four to Six

Birds of a Feather Studio & Gallery
Main Street • 6375 Route 9 • Chestertown, NY

Wednesday – Saturday 10 to 5
BirdsofaFeatherStudioGallery.com

Joan Marie Ristau Graphic Design


Donna Britton will be the resident artist at Americade's Vintage Motorcycle tent in Lake George from May 27-31. She will be working on paintings throughout the event, and displaying some of her motorcycle-themed paintings. More info may be found on her website: www.donnabrittonart.com



Terry Teitelbaum shares the news that she was juried into NCA's Expressions show and that Bryan Memorial Gallery in Vermont is featuring her paintings in "New Horizons," March thru December 2025.

In Other News, Fred Holman shares that Kathleen Roberts has passed away as a result of Parkinson's Disease. Kathleen was an acrylic painter and sat on the Board of NCA when the gallery was in Chestertown from 2010 - 2017.

NCA Board Members

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Phil Casabona: President, Gallery Committee

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Dennis Wilson: 2nd Floor Gallery Exhibit Writer and Solo Show Writer

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2025 North Country Arts Schedule

Queensbury Hotel Mezzanine, 2nd floor

April - June

Expressions Juried Show

May 3 - Jun. 14

Magnum Opus

Solo Show: Jude Dalton

Jun. 21 - Aug. 2

Drop off - June 4

Don't Worry, It's Only Art

Aug. 9 - Sept. 28

Drop off- Aug. 2

Any Shade You Want

Oct. 4 - Nov. 8

Drop off - Sept. 27

NCA Photography Exhibition at Friends Gallery in Crandall Public Library

at the Crandall Library

Month of July

Reflections

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