2026 OCAC Updates

Gallery 32 Events

32 S. Main St, Canandaigua

Canandaigua Elementary School UPK - Grade 5 Art Show

March 2nd - 26th

Opening Reception - Sunday, March 8th 12 - 3pm

Stop by to enjoy the art of emerging artists!

In addition to student art on the walls of the Gallery, you can also chek out the art on the candy bar wrappers of chocolate (made locally by the Sweet Expressions candy store, 169 S. Main St. Canandaigua). Fifth grade students contributed to this fundraiser by creating original art work on the wrappers. Candy bars are being sold for $5.00 each.

Open Art - Saturdays, March 14th and 28th from 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Bring any art project (except oils) to work on and enjoy the company of other artists.

OCAC Members' Art Exhibit - PURPLE!

Ontario County Historical Society

55 N. Main St, Canandaigua

You still have time to stop by the museum with your friends to appreciate the art of our very talented artist members.

We are excited to present a fun fundraising event! Save the date - May 2nd!

It includes light refreshments, champagne, non-alcoholic drinks, a parade of fantastical hats, a performance of a hat skit by the "Players of Ontario County Arts," music, raffle baskets, and a live auction of fantastic hats!

Areas in need of volunteers:

Please email any of the contact people below to find out how you can help.

Annie Watson - needs help to seek sponsors/$ donations **ArtfullyAnnie@yahoo.com**

Kathy Morris - volunteers to make creative hats **katepm2@yahoo.com**

We need commitments from creative hat makers!!! See page 5 for hat submission form.

Kathleen Houser - refreshments **leon2@frontiernet.net**

Eileen Wegman - Please let Eileen know if you can donate a themed raffle basket or gift card. **ejwegman@gmail.com**

Information about volunteering on the day of the event and buying tickets will be shared soon!

Just in time for spring. Beautiful hand painted watering cans will be at Gallery 32 in May.
This will be a silent auction to help raise funds for the Ontario County Arts Council.

You can help by painting a watering can!

They are now available at Gallery 32 to pick up.
They will need to be returned by April 24.
Questions can be sent to: ocartsny@gmail.com

Please join us on March 19th at Wood Library!

ONTARIO COUNTY A•R•T•S COUNCIL

gallery 32

Member Meeting

Help Shape the Future of the Arts in Our Community

Join us for a relaxed evening to connect and reflect as we continue looking ahead.

Thursday, March 19, 2026

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Wood Library - Ewing Family Community Room

All are welcome—members, friends, and those simply curious about the arts. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a guest and be part of the conversation.

We hope you'll join us.

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Update on OCAC Artist Members' Happenings & Opportunities!

Enjoy the talents of our OCAC Artist Members!
Grab your calendars and mark down events to attend.

Neal Allen - I will be the inaugural, 'Featured Artist of the Month,' at Railroad Street Artworks in Fairport. The opening reception is Saturday, March 7th from 2 to 4 p.m. The show runs through the end of the month. I will also be teaching two classes at Cheshire Union in March - Rendering the Snowy Landscape in Pastel, and a Bristol Harbor Winter paint-a-long, registter at: https://www.cheshireunion.com/

Victoria Connors - I'm teaching a class for making spring flowers out of wet felting at the Country Lawyer Gallery of the Arts Call or text to reserve a spot. 585 789-0017

Pamela Araya - My piece, "Our Lady of Justice," will be in the Spring Art Show at Impact Earth Shop 1458 Monroe Ave, Rochester. The opening reception is this Friday March 6th, 6 to 8 pm

Jan Romeiser - I am the featured artist for March at, Framing by Frank Allen, in her new place in Clifton Springs, 14 Main St. Check out her new digs and the artist wall! A new artist will be featured each month.
Also, I have 3 paintings at the Yates County Art Gallery in Penn Yan for their "Looking Out My Window" show.

Kathleen Houser - I am organizing an exhibit at the Mill Gallery in Honeoye Falls, entitled, "Fabulous Fibers," with works by the Rochester Area Fiber Artists. We will have an Artists Talk from 1:30-2:30 on Saturday, March 28th followed by an Opening Reception at 3:00 The Artists Talk will feature a panel who will discuss rug hooking, dying, quilting, felting, and upcycling fabrics. I will have three pieces in the exhibit which runs until May 6th. In addition, a selection of my work will continue to be on display at the Victor Library for the month March.

Karen Carlton - I have two paintings in the Western New York Artists Group Member Show in Buffalo.

Joy Underhill - I'm giving a travelogue about Scotland on March 18th at the Victor Library.
Link is here (registration requested): https://victorfarmingtonlibrary.libcal.com/event/15736236

Steve Duprey - I was in Mexico for the whole of February, painting with Thomas Kitts and a wonderful collection of Mexican painters. I'll be teaching an acrylic painting class at the Dove Block on Saturday, March 7th, and other March classes will include an acrylic class at the Macedon Public Library on 3/21 and at the Arts Center of Yates County in Penn Yan an acrylic class March 3/11 and an oil class on 3/25.

Mike Nyerges - I have a photographic print in Image City Photographic Gallery's annual Red Show, always a fun exhibit to participate in. I also continue to redirect my site FallingInward.com to focus more on ekphrastic writing, as well as revisiting past exhibits by creating galleries for them, such as when I participated in a 2020 Local Artist Showcase at the Cobblestone Arts Cobblestone Arts Center and my first exhibit at Wood Library in 2021.

Elaine Liberio - My Gouache Painting "Best Friends" was juried into Main Street Arts' show "Near and Dear". Opening reception is Saturday, March 7th from 3-6. The show runs thru April 8th. Main Street Arts location is 20 W Main St, Clifton Spring.

Amina Bradley -

My solo show, "What My Garden Told Me," is going to be exhibited March 6th - July 3rd on the historic Roycroft Campus in East Aurora, NY. Please, let me know if anyone wants to visit, we can meet there.

OCAC Community Partners

Stop by and enjoy OCAC member, Dana Besaw's art work.
Opening Reception, Friday, March 6th 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Sights & Shades 94 S. Main St. Canandaigua

Ontario County Historical Society

55 N. Main St. Canandaigua
Upcoming March Events
They fought for Independence: The Road West March 12, 12:00pm
Who Stole the Canandaigua Treaty? History Mystery Program March 14, 11:00 am
She Speaks: Women of Ontario County March 18, 6:00pm

For more information on current exhibits go to: https://ochs.org/

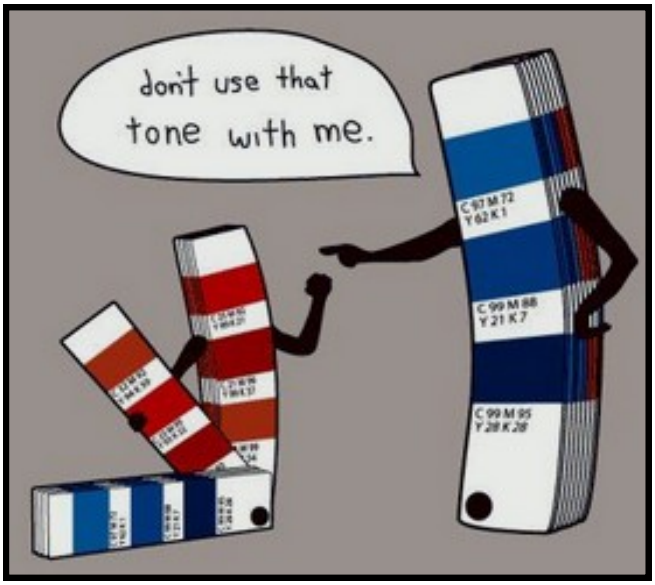
Art Space 36

36 S. main Street, Canandaigua
Exhibit: Mixed Messages ongoing exhibit by Lydia Boddie-Rice Feb. 5 - April 16
More information can be found at: https://www.artspace36.com/

If you would like more opportunities to display your art work, contact our community libraries!!!

These libraries would very much appreciate it if you would contact them to exhibit your art in the libraries:
Bloomfield Library Rachael Aycock, 585-657-6264, www.bloomfieldpubliclibrary.org
Victor Farmington Lib. Greta Selin-Love, Community Services Librarian, gselin@owwl.org or 585 924-2637
Naples Lib. Allyson Makepeace, napleslibrarydirector@owwl.org or 585 374-2757
Bristol Library Paytan Mann, bristollibrarydirector@owwl.org 585 229-5862
Canandaigua Wood Library Peter Blackwood peter@blackwoodphoto.com

Check our website www.ocarts.org for information and updates!



Experience the arts!
Ontario County Arts Council provides diverse opportunities for arts participation, understanding, and appreciation.

The Ontario County Arts Council is planning a fun, fabulous fundraiser!

"Hats Off to the Arts"

at Cobblestone Art Center on May 2nd 1:00-4:00 pm.

We NEED your creative talent!!

Here's a chance to demonstrate your talent by creating a fantastical, imaginative hat!
Anyone can submit a hat – paper mache, cloth, metal, knit/crochet, felted, paper - anything can become a hat with a little bit of imagination!

You do **not** need to be an OCAC member to create and submit a hat!

Questions? Contact: Kathy Morris at: **katepm2@yahoo.com**

To submit a hat plan please complete the attached submission form and send it along with a $10.00 check to OCAC, 55 N. Main St, Canandaigua 14424

Submission forms will be accepted until April 15th.

Hat Donation Submission Form (please print clearly)
for
"Hats Off to the Arts" event at Cobblestone Art Center on May 2, 2026.

Name of Hat Creator:_____ email address: _____

Name of Hat: _____

Materials used to create hat:

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Inspiration/Story behind created hat:

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I agree to a submission fee of $10.00. This qualifies me for free entry into the event on May 2nd!
Since this is a fundraiser we encourage you to buy raffle basket tickets and to bid on hats during the auction!

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signature

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