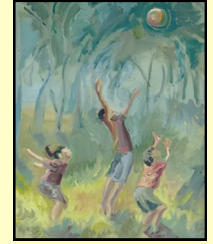


# OCAC 2026 Updates



## OCAC's Art Exhibit

Ontario County Historical Society  
 "Motion" continues through July 17th



## Hats off to the Arts was a success!



"The Orleans County String Band"  
 Kathy Vandemortel  
 Laurence Sugarman  
 Laurie Hunt



Rob Lillis-hat auctioneer



Kathleen Houser set the standard (and the tables) for how to present refreshments—real china!!



"The Amazing Hat" skit  
 Eileen Wegman  
 Kathy Morris  
 Tina Blackwood



So many raffle baskets!



Enjoying a relaxed, fun afternoon!

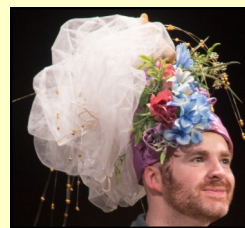
So many creative hats!



Some of the hats! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event so successful! If you see anyone walking around wearing one of these hats be sure to thank them for supporting the arts in our community!



I'm not sure which one of us looks more like a Dr. Seuss character!



## Gallery 32 Happenings

32 S Main St, Canandaigua

“And Now for Something Completely Different”

An exhibit that re-imagines kitchen tools!

continues thru May 31

by OCAC President, Judi Cermak



Unique Hand Painted Watering Cans  
silent auction at the Gallery will  
continue through June 12th.



**Open Art - Saturdays, May 9th & 23rd from 12:30 - 3:00 pm**

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



**Grant Applications will be accepted through June 1st!**

Local nonprofits & government organizations can submit project proposals that enhance the visual & performing arts in Ontario County. For more information and to complete the grant application go to:

<https://www.ocarts.org/art-grants>

## Opening Reception

for OCAC Member, **Amy Wheeler**

Friday, May 29nd 5:30 - 7:00pm

94 S Main St, Canandaigua



amy e. wheeler { ILLUSTRATION }  
custom designed murals, canvas paintings, illustration

34 S. MAIN ST  
DOWNTOWN CANANDAIGUA

5:30 pm til 7pm

Meet & chat  
with the artist!  
All are welcome.



## What are the OCAC Artist members up to?

**Anna Kern** - This weekend, May 9th and 10th will be our official opening for “ANNA KERN FINE ART STUDIO AND GALLERY”, 83 South Main Street (rear) Canandaigua, Starting off on Saturday, May 9th at 10am, ribbon cutting with the Mayor. All weekend everything in gallery will be 10% off, plus we will be donating 10% of all sales to HAPPY TAILS ANIMAL RESCUE. Hope to see you there

**Jacquelin Fegan** - I was accepted as a Signature Member of the Rochester Art Club.

**Kathleen Houser** - I have a piece at the Mill Gallery this month for their member show entitled "Musically Inspired."

**Karen Carlton** - I will participate in the East Aurora Art Walk on May 8 at Off Main Gallery, and the Smith Island Art League Memorial Day show on Bald Head Island, NC, May 23-24.

**Evie DuBois** - I am currently working with a friend, she will be modeling an 1896 wedding dress costume. I made this dress for the first Sulpher Springs Festival in Clifton Springs. Will do a photo shoot from home and hoping to do a photo shoot at Sonnenberg Gardens.



**Suzie Quinn** - I'm exhibiting for the first time this weekend at “Art in the Park” at the Lilac Festival. Also, I'm a member at railroad St. Artworks and they are looking for artists who would like to teach a class this summer at the gallery. Here's a link to info about how to submit a class proposal: <https://railroadstreetartworks.org/teach-a-class/> It's a great venue and a good opportunity to earn a little extra income this summer. I've taught there and had a positive experience.

**Joyeeta Mukherjee** - My work will be in a group exhibit at Altbar, 1947 E Main St, Rochester for the month of May: RED an AAPI Artists Exhibition. For more information go to:

<https://sites.google.com/view/red-roc/about-red>

**Kim Ferguson** - Western Wayne Arts held its Spring exhibit. I tied for Judge's Choice for photography and also won First Place for another photo.

**Neal Allen** - I'm offering a set of new classes at Cheshire Union - an introduction to watercolor sketching on May 24th (one seat remaining!) and a series of beginning drawing classes on Saturdays, May 30 through June 20. I've also had a piece juried in to the 'Art of New York' show at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie, New York; the show runs through August 8th.

*Physical spaces like museums that introduce beauty through visual art are important shared spaces to foster mental health.*

Conclusion from a study at: <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12910538/>

## ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

**Jen Rogers** - I am part of the **Honey Lake Strawberry Festival** which is taking place Sunday, June 28th. We have several vendor locations that we are looking to fill on Main Street, Honey Lake. We are looking for as much art representation as possible. It is the same day as the Sonnenberg Gardens Festival, but this might be a good opportunity for anyone not participating in that. The cost is only \$50 to be a vendor, so it's a good entry point for people.

Here is the website if interested in applying: <https://www.honeylakestrawberryfest.org/>

**OCAC's "Finally Summer"** show at Gallery 32 - Summer is the prime time for tourists in Canandaigua! Information about the exhibit and applying can be found at: <https://www.ocarts.org/>



The poster features a central illustration of a lighthouse with two beams of light extending horizontally. The lighthouse is white with a black roof and a black lantern room. The background is a light blue circle with horizontal lines below it. To the right of the lighthouse, the text 'Call for Artists' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, in a smaller, italicized font, it says 'Dedicated to providing a unique space exclusively for artists & fine crafters'. At the bottom right, a box contains the 'Festival Dates: Jul 31-Aug 2, 2026'. The main title 'SODUS POINT LIGHTHOUSE ARTISAN FESTIVAL' is in a large, serif font, with 'ARTISAN FESTIVAL' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. Underneath the title, it says 'Celebrating Artistry in the Heart of History A part of the Sodus Bay Historical Society'. At the bottom, there is a URL: <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=14308>. To the left of the QR code, there is a list of 'Important Dates': 'Application Deadline: June 1', 'Jury: June 2-June 5', 'Notification: June 6', and 'Purchase Deadline: July 1'. At the bottom, a blue box contains the text 'Learn more about the Festival at <https://soduslighthousefestival.com/>'.

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**Find out what are community partners are doing by visiting their websites!**

Ontario County Historical Society - <https://ochs.org/>

Art Space 36 - <https://www.artspace36.com/>

**Experience the arts!**

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