

EXPRESSING WHAT WORDS CANNOT

At our recent Student-Faculty Art show reception, we invited attendees to share why they value art and why they value ASCC. We were delighted by the range of responses. For one, art is a way to “express and share spirit.” For another, art represents “beauty, joy, and wonder.” Someone wrote “I love art & want others to as well.” And one person shared “art allows me to express myself when words can’t.”

We know art is a language that transcends words. Studies show art inspires creative problem solving for all ages. Recent research work, which we incorporate into our Art & Memories Program, indicates creating art helps rebuild brain functioning and promotes well-being for those with cognitive issues such as Alzheimer’s.

We know art is all of this—and more. Art allows us to express the inexpressible: the spark of a new idea, difficult feelings in times of loss or pain, and a sense of wonderment and joy in our world. Art is an essential, life-giving aspect of the human experience and having art part of our lives makes our community a better place.

Thank you for your ongoing support for all we do at ASCC to help bring the special language of art to our world.

With gratitude,
Kathryn Kosto
Executive Director

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MAKE A RESOLUTION

“Presents are made for the pleasure of who gives them, not the merits of who receives them.”

- Carlos Ruiz Zafón, *The Shadow of the Wind*

At the Art School of Columbia County, we give the gift of art to our community all year long. Help us continue to give this gift by showing your support as a member, a donor, or a volunteer. Looking for a unique gift for the person who has everything? Consider a gift certificate to take a class, gift someone an ASCC membership, or make a donation in a loved one’s name.

As we are wrapping up the year, take a moment to reflect on how ASCC has or how it could enrich your life. ASCC has been offering classes and free art outreach program-

PERSPECTIVE: the newsletter of the Art School of Columbia County



Art in the Library Program, Chatham MED Elementary School

ming in our community for the past five years and we need your help to keep offering quality programming in our schools, libraries, and at the

**Join us #NYGivesDay
Tuesday November 28:
donate via our website, or
come to our GiveDay Party
from 3-7 pm to view our
small works show, join in
drop-in volunteer projects &
meet our Board!**

Art School itself in 2018. So I ask: when ringing in the New Year, make a resolution to take a class, attend an ARTalk, volunteer, donate money, upcycle art supplies, or just stop in to see what we have to offer. Please reach out to us, we would love to hear your thoughts!

Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Betsy Braley
ASCC Board President

ART FOR ALL AGES: TEEN & SENIOR FOCUS

As part of our vision, ASCC is committed to “imagining art for everyone.” This means reaching out to all ages in our community. For teens, ASCC offers a number of low-cost or free programs: One Hour Art (December 2 and 9) is free for ages 13-21 and all materials are provided. Our scholarship programs funds up to 90% of tuition & most of our classes are open to teens. Portfolio Review is a half-hour of one-on-one discussion of a stu-

dent’s work and possible classes and approaches to pursue and is free to students ages 15-24. And ARTalks have free admission for teens.

Need a ride to ASCC or know a senior who would enjoy an art class here? Columbia County seniors over 60 may receive free rides from the Columbia County Transportation Van Mondays-Fridays. Call 518-567-3677 for more information and to make a reservation for a ride to and

from a class at ASCC (subject to availability).

And as part of ASCC’s “Art & Memories” program, we are developing and teaching free art programs to seniors at Camphill Ghent and Coarc in a few weeks. This free program was made possible in part by support from the Fund for Columbia County of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, volunteer help, and generous donors like you. Thank you.

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Many Ways to Support ASCC

There are many ways for you to support art in our community.

Save the Date: our annual **#NYGivesDay Party** is **Tuesday November 28 from 3-7 pm**. Join us! We will be welcoming new and returning donors and volunteers to showcase all the work we do at ASCC.

Refreshments served. Through your support and memberships, we have raised \$5,670— **we have \$17,880 to go**.

Make a difference, have an impact: volunteer! Hours & projects are flexible to suit your time & talents. Volunteer projects include: organizing our reference library, packing art kits for kids, helping welcome visitors to our exhibits & receptions year-round, helping hang art shows, and organizing our Frame, Canvas & Art Supply Sale Fundraiser. Please email or call for more information. Our 2017 Volunteers will be recognized at our Volunteer Appreciation Party on February 14, 2018. Why? Because we LOVE our volunteers.

This holiday season: give art, give creativity, give locally

Small Works Show: give art made by new & noted artists from our community. Prices start at \$40 & free gift wrapping included. Gallery hours: Saturdays December 2, 9 and 16 from 12 –4 pm.

Give the gift of creative renewal: class gift certificates available through our website or contact us. Please order by December 23.

Give a gift membership to ASCC: want to inspire a new artist with exhibit opportunities and help keep art in our community? Memberships available through our website—please indicate in the “notes” the name and mailing address to which it should be sent.

Save the Date! 2018 Programs & Events

March 24, 2018 Spring Fundraiser—details TBA

May 19, 2018 Spring Student-Faculty Art Show & Members’ Show

August 18, 2018 Summer Fundraiser at the Hudson-Chatham Winery

September 8, 2018 Frame, Canvas & Art Supply Sale at ASCC

November 10, 2018 Fall Student-Faculty Art Show & Members’ Small Works Show

WINTER CLASSES & ONE HOUR ART

Winter blues? How about greens, reds, and yellows too? Art makes winter bright. Join us for One Hour Art: explore drawing on December 2 and mixed media and collage December 9 from 1-2 or 2-3 pm—all supplies included. The classes are free to students 13-21 and adults are \$15/hour.

Discover water-based media in Into Abstraction with Arlene Santana Thornton. Savor the winter landscape in Sea & Sky with Eileen Murphy, Winter Greens with Sara Pruiksma and Twilight: Winter Landscapes with Tim Ebneith. Try new forms and formats: Think BIG with Oversize Drawing and Bas

Relief Assemblage with Tim Ebneith, Textile Collage with Sayzie Carr, and Book & Narrative with Nancy Kohler.

New to art? Try Sayzie Carr’s class Art for Everyone—choose one session or all three. Explore the creative capacities of the digital world with Jerry Freedner and combine photography and collage with Jamie Hankin. Working from a live model, learn how to depict the human figure in Introduction to Figure Drawing with Gary Finelli. Add color to your winter in Exploring Color with Maj Kalfus. All winter classes have a snow date built in.

3 ways to help ASCC:

- 1) Pick up a **CLYNK** bag from ASCC & fill with redeemable cans & bottles, and drop them off at Hannaford—no sorting or slips! The bottle deposits are automatically donated to ASCC
- 2) Shopping online? Start at www.smile.Amazon.com and choose “Art School of Columbia County” as the charity to support. There is no cost or price surcharge to you.
- 3) Share ASCC with a friend: please pass along our brochure & newsletter.

Faculty Exhibit:

Quiet

featuring the art of ASCC faculty members
Eileen Murphy &
Arlene Santana Thornton
reception

Saturday Feb 3 5-7 pm
snow date: Feb 10

ARTalks 2018

Sundays April 8 & 22
2-4 pm

Migration, Movement and Memory

Call for exhibit proposals
for March-April 2018
Application free to ASCC members. Details on our website.