

ART INVOLVES,
ART RENEWS,
ART INSPIRES

It's been quite a year at the Art School: we gave the gift of art to over 1000 members of our community in 2016. Our programs ranged from making a mural with children and their families to creating life-map collages with middle-school students inspired by Robert Frost's poetry. We brought enrichment to high school students and awarded scholarships to students in need. And we brought the joy of creating to those in their 80s, 90s and beyond in our new "Art & Memories" program.

In all of these programs we saw that art changes lives: art involves, art renews and art inspires. We witnessed connections forged and memories explored. We helped libraries welcome new families and used art to inspire children to deeply engage with reading.

Reflecting on this, I feel gratitude: to our many volunteers who give the gift of time. To our talented faculty whose classes and outreach programs bring excellence into our community. And to our volunteer Board members and many generous donors—without you, none of this would be possible.

With thanks & warm wishes,

Kathryn Kosto
Executive Director

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KEEP THE WHEELS OF ART MOVING

ASCC is in its fourth year of providing art classes to our area as a 100% nonprofit community organization. We exist to nurture creativity and community through the visual arts -- and we are doing just that! Students join us for classes in both innovative and traditional media, ranging from assemblage to watercolor. Our professional faculty, accomplished artists who live in our community, nurture creativity all in our classes. We have awarded hundreds of dollars of need-based scholarships since we were founded.

But what if you are unable to come to us? We are asking for your help for those who cannot travel to our school. Our vision is "imagining art for everyone" and we do this through our free outreach program, *Art on Wheels*, so



were unpacked as we presented our *Art & Memories* programs at Camphill Ghent

PERSPECTIVE: the newsletter of the Art School of Columbia County



all can experience art making a difference in their lives. We serve Columbia County's residents from pre-K to those in their 90s and beyond.

Our annual budget of \$71,000 supports *Art on Wheels* and classes here at the school, offered well below cost. To ensure we continue to keep the wheels of art moving in our community, we need to meet our fundraising goal of \$15,000.



Presently, we have raised \$8,800 and have \$6,200 to go. The dollars raised support *Art in the Library* programs in libraries and schools, student scholarships, and our *Art & Memories* programs serving seniors in nursing homes. We receive far more requests for programming than our current budget allows us to honor.

Please keep art moving in our community: please make a gift today!

Tom Chulak
Board President

ART IN OUR COMMUNITY: ART & MEMORIES

Art was on the move this fall. Easels, paint and glue sticks

for seniors in need and those with cognitive issues. And participants brought items of their own: photos of favorite places they visited or lived to inspire them as they learned to paint in acrylic in the program "Remembering Special Places." Residents learned collage techniques in "Remembering Special People." Working from family

photos and collage images collected by ASCC volunteers, residents created unique images drawing together their own pasts. Over 60 works of art were created in total; each was unique to their creator — and each was much admired.

Art & Memories was made possible through a grant from the Fund for Columbia County of the Berkshire Taconic Foundation, volunteer help, and the support of generous community donors like you. *Thank you!*

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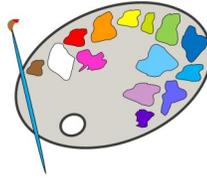
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**We welcome Mel Gavilanes as our new
Program Assistant.**



Help COLOR in our palette!

Help us give the gift of art to our community! Our \$15,000 fundraising campaign is matched 2:1 by a generous donor. So, for every dollar you donate, the Art School gets 2 more! **We have raised \$8,800 to date from 41 generous donors and need to raise the final \$6,200.** Please help us continue our community outreach into 2017 with your tax-deductible donation to the Art School today.

You may mail a check made out to ASCC or donate through our website anytime.

Volunteer spotlight: making an impact

Did you know volunteers help us offer our many free programs? With volunteer help, we were able to:

- prepare supplies for and teach our "Art & Memories" programs to seniors in need
- create free take-home art kits for kids
- present our many free art exhibits & receptions year-round
- hold our popular spring Silent Auction & Seed Sale and fall Frame & Canvas Sale fundraisers



Make a difference, have an impact: contact ASCC about volunteering today! Hours & projects are flexible to suit your time & talents.

Give the gift of time well spent. Give the gift of renewal.

What's the perfect gift? An ASCC Gift Certificate! Available in any amount through our website. Please purchase your gift certificate by December 23 to ensure time to process it for the holiday season.

Ideas? Questions? Kathryn's office hours are Thursdays 9 am-4:30 pm. Call or stop in. Or email anytime—I'd love to hear from you!

WINTER: TIME FOR ART

Winter is a time for immense creativity in Columbia County and our surrounding region: the landscape is reduced to elemental forms, showing line more clearly. Head out to ASCC to get inspired. Taking a class in ASCC's supportive learning environment gives you a head start on an art project, plus a dose of creative inspiration for those snowy days when you prefer to stay indoors (and, just in case, all classes are listed with a snow date).

Start with the fundamentals: Beginning Drawing and Painting is held Thursdays with Tim Ebneith. New faculty member Eileen Murphy teaches Introduction to Perspective using

both art history and hands-on exercises. Gary Finelli leads students in drawing the human form from both a mannequin and live model in Introduction to Figure Drawing. Or get up-close with flowers, feathers, seeds & pods in Robin Guthridge's Scientific Illustration. Learn to use acrylics with watercolor techniques with Sayzie Carr. Or sign up for our popular classes in watercolor, photography, mixed media, and landscape studies with Mira Fink, Jerry Freedner, Kari Feuer, and E S DeSanna.

Wintertime is time for art: make time this season—you'll be glad you did!



Your words mean a lot:
please share your experience with ASCC with a friend, and pass along our brochure & newsletter!

Faculty Exhibit:

Space: Form & Void

Sayzie Carr & Gary Finelli
Feb 2-Mar 23, 2017
reception: Feb 11 5-7 pm
(snow date Feb 18)

ARTALKS 2017

Mar 26 • Apr 9 • Apr 23
Sundays 2-4 pm

Art as Intersection: medium • geographies time

Explore how art intersects our world & offers connecting points. Join us as noted artists discuss their process & their inspirations in panel discussions and special exhibits.