

many parts, one Art School

As a collagist, I create art that responds to the world around me : I collect, gather, and find a way to piece together things that might otherwise seem disparate. I am grateful for this background when working at the Art School!

Our school is indeed made of many parts: dedicated students, talented faculty, selfless volunteers, generous Board members, donors, and supporters, and the community organizations we partner with to provide free art programs for children. All of us work together, bringing something to make each class, event, and program special.

As we continue into our third year, thank you for making the Art School what it is today. "Imagining art for everyone" is a vision I seek to fulfill every day—and this vision cannot happen without you.

With many thanks,
Kathryn Kosto
Executive Director

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fall 2015: upcoming classes & events

Our fall 2015 classes are open for registration, with many new and returning favorites. Be sure to check out new mixed media offerings from ASCC faculty member Tim Ebneith. For those new to art, a perfect choice is landscape in watercolor with Mira Fink. Painters will enjoy offerings from HM Saffer and Jeff Neumann.

Drawing continues to be an Art School strength: take one of Maj Kalfus's short (but intense!) offerings or learn through an art historical approach with Gary Finelli. Explore printing with Beth Thielen (monoprinting) and ES DeSanna (linocuts), and see the landscape with a sculptor's eye with Draga

giving back & paying it forward

Many in our community know us through our art classes; others through our free programs for children or ARTalks. But did you know that the Art School relies on volunteers to make these programs a reality?

Some of the ways our students and others in our community help include: helping



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Šušanj. Our faculty teach what is their passion, with their own approach and philosophy so you are sure to find a different and rewarding experience in each class. There is something for beginners and those looking to hone existing skills — email or call for suggestions regarding any of our courses.

Beginning this fall, to help foster new artists in our community (plus up-cycle) the Art School is collecting art sup-

plies for our upcoming **Frame & Canvas Sale** on September 12. Please see our website for details.

A student recently shared with us: "we are lucky to have this place." We think so too.

See you soon at the school.

Early registration helps both our staff and faculty with planning. Thinking of taking a class? Please register soon!

with student-faculty shows or the upcoming Frame & Canvas Sale, weeding and leaf-raking to help maintain our one-acre garden, and taking our class brochures and other posters around our community.

Many of these volunteer opportunities require only an hour or two of your time, but

the benefit you provide is truly priceless. If you've enjoyed any of our offerings at the school, you have *already* benefitted from work done by our volunteers. So how about giving back and paying it forward?

Please contact Kathryn about creating a volunteer opportunity, just for you!

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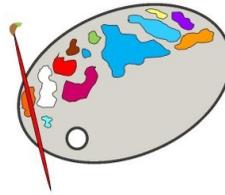
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So why is this newsletter called Untitled? Like an untitled artwork that you can interpret as you'd like...get it? OK, have a better idea? [Name our new newsletter](#): post on our facebook page or email a new name for ASCC's newsletter. We will pick the one which seems best to capture our school's ethos!



Help **COLOR** in our palette!

We are grateful for your support of our school through your class enrollments, but tuition fees do not fully cover all of our needs.

We are in the midst of our \$10,000 fundraising campaign, which will be matched 3:1 by a generous donor. So, for every dollar you donate,

the school gets 3 more! **We have raised \$5095 to date from 22 generous donors with only \$4905 to go!** Please help us reach our goal — consider making a donation to the Art School today.

upcoming events & volunteer opportunities

Sept 12: Frame & Canvas Sale 10 am—4 pm: **volunteers sought** for 2 hour shifts (10-12; 12-2; 2-4)

Nov 14: Student-Faculty Art Exhibit & Reception (for registered summer-fall 2015 students) 5-7 pm: **volunteers sought** for exhibit installation (afternoon of Nov 13) & reception (evening of Nov 14): 2 hours of volunteer time each

Upcoming faculty solo shows at the Art School:

- September: Robin Guthridge
- October: E S DeSanna

ARTalks 2016: planning for our popular lecture and pop-up exhibit series is underway; the themes are self, surroundings & story. Stay tuned for details.

Questions? Suggestions? Kathryn's office hours are Thursdays 9-4:30. Or be in touch by email other days. I'd love to hear from you.

3 in 3

3 easy ways to help ASCC in 3 minutes (or less):

- Like us on Facebook (and invite your friends to do the same)
- Share our course brochure with a friend
- Let someone know about our scholarship program—up to 90% of tuition is covered.

How do you help the Art School? Submit your idea for our next 3 in 3 feature!

art on wheels: the Art School is near you

Art School faculty developed and presented thirteen free "Art in the Library" programs for students in grades 1-12 in five Columbia County libraries this spring and summer. The age-specific programs encouraged students to engage with words and art through puppetry, pop-up books, and hand-sewn collaged pamphlets.

These innovative programs were designed to encourage students to engage fluidly with the written, verbal, and visual worlds. Students were also encouraged to check out books related to the theme

presented; over 90 books were checked out in total! In addition, the Art School developed take-home kits for some programs, with free art supplies and poetry booklets to enable continued engagement at home.

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