

THE THING WITH FEATHERS

Many remark on the photos in our newsletters and class brochures, asking "Do you use models and mock-ups?"

The answer is: no! All our photos show our students engaged in making art. These images highlight a common theme: deep engagement. Surprise and delight. Satisfaction. Accomplishment. The expressions are as varied as the people, but as I've taken photos for over three years of our diverse student base, I've noticed something each has in common. It is a quiet, sometimes fleeting expression, something which the poet Emily Dickinson called "the thing with feathers."

That swift, feather-like feeling is hope. Making art means inspiring hope. Hope in our children, who have a chance to connect and create in new ways, accomplishing something when they've struggled or felt judged. Hope in our teen and adult students as they face challenges in their lives — loss of a loved one, ill health, family problems, or loss of a relationship. Hope in the faces of those in their gos and above as we create art and remember together.

We know making art inspires hope. Thank you for helping foster this much-needed quality in our world.

With gratitude,
Kathryn Kosto
Executive Director

In this issue:

- Art in our Community 2017
- Fall 2017 classes
- Exhibits & Events



Art has been out in our community this year from winter into fall. We've taught free community art outreach programs in the Hudson, Kinderhook, and Chatham School Districts, bringing art to after-school and in-class enrichment programs. Over 40 students in Hudson High School expanded their boundaries of how art is made by creating their own mixed media brushes, and experiencing the surprise of seeing how each brush made its own unique line. After school in Chatham, over 60 students explored the intersections of poets who had connections to our region (Whitman, Millay, and Dickinson) and created art inspired by what they had learned. We worked with over 360 students in the Ichabod Crane Elementary School as they made travel folders showing night and day inspired by Millay's poem "Travel." All summer and into this fall, we

PERSPECTIVE: the newsletter of the Art School of Columbia County



ASCC's free art program during the Austerlitz Blueberry Festival

worked in 9 community libraries to bring more of these programs to our community. With volunteer help, we even created and gave out 28 free take-home art kits to keep the creativity going! In July, students created a 14 foot mural of Chatham during Summer Fest, and drew self-portraits during the Austerlitz Historical Society's Blueberry Festival — over 100 children and 90 adults created art with us.

With our thanks to: the Chatham Education Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Com-

munity Foundation, the Decentralization Program of the NYS Council on the Arts, administered in Columbia County by the Greene County Council on the Arts through the Community Arts Grants Fund and Arts Education Fund, the Kinderhook Arts & Humanities Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, funding from Kinderhook Bank and the Bank of Greene County, a Stewart's Holiday Match Program Grant, and generous community donors like you for making this possible.

JOIN US: MEMBERSHIP MAKES ART HAPPEN

Join us for ASCC's inaugural membership program; your membership keeps art happening in our community through ASCC's free outreach programs and affordable classes, serving 1200 members of our community each year. Join online or contact us for more information. Welcome to our new members for 2017:

Jay Aronson & William O'Neill
Betsy Braley & Paul Ingram
Nick Calderazzo -Twin Travel Concepts
Mary Margaret Cronin & Leonard Lukin
Tess Daley
Nicole Furnée & Tom Chulak
Peter Keitel
Kathryn & Tim Kosto
Andrew Pellettieri
Sue Griffin Porritt

Christine Rasmussen
Kathleen Schobel
Maureen Severance
Bonnie Shannon
Pamela Strousse
Erika Bornn Tipple
Jan & Richard Trachtman
Amy White
Christi Wright
Audrey Wyman

ART SCHOOL OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

1198 Rt 21 C Ghent NY 12075

www.artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org

518.672.7140

artschoolofcolumbiacounty@gmail.com

Board of Directors

Betsy Braley, President • Richard Trachtman, Vice-President • Rachel Fainter, Treasurer • Dominique DeVito, Secretary • Nicole Furnée • Andrew Pellettieri

Tom Chulak, President *Emeritus*

Staff

Kathryn Kosto, Executive Director
Sue Griffin Porritt, Communications Assistant
Kim Schokman, Program Assistant
Anita Savoy, CPA, Bookkeeping & Accounting Services

Fall 2017 Faculty

Karen Arp-Sandel • Sayzie Carr • Tim Ebneith
Kari Feuer • Gary Finelli • Jerry Freedner • Maj Kalfus
Nancy Kohler • Eileen Murphy

2017 Volunteers

Boyce Billingsley • Nick Calderazzo • Tom Chulak
Tess Daley • Kyle Finelli • Bill & Joy Howe • Tim Kosto
Margaret Morgan • Finley Nelson • Andrew Pellettieri
Michele Quigley • Susan Quigley • Amy Schirmer
Kathleen Schobel • Kim Schokman • Maureen
Severance • Pamela Strousse • Erika Tipple
Nadine Vidal • Elizabeth Wagner • Donna White

ASCC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowable by law.

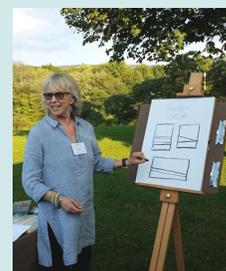
Many Ways to Support ASCC

There are many ways to show your support for making art happen in our community.

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 Fundraisers. Please email or call for more information.

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.

Thank you to all who attended our **Summer Fundraiser**. With special thanks to our hosts at the Hudson-Chatham Winery, support from Hanaford and Stewarts Shops, and ASCC volunteers who made this lovely evening possible.



Through your support and memberships, we have raised \$5,128. **We have \$18,422 to go!**

Art in our Community & Art Opportunities

Art in the Library 2017: join us at the Roe Jan Community Library (Hillsdale) on Saturday Sep 23 and 30 for our free Art in the Library program. Details on our website.

Upcoming call for exhibit proposals: based on the theme we are exploring in 2018—Migration, Movement and Memory. Application free to ASCC members. Details TBA on our website.

Portfolio Review: a half-hour of one-on-one discussion of your work and possible classes and approaches for you to pursue. **Free** to students ages 15-24.

We welcome new staff members Sue Griffin Porritt and Kim Schokman!

FALL CLASSES + ONE HOUR ART

A whole range of class possibilities awaits you this autumn. New to art? Try ASCC faculty member Sayzie Carr's class Art for Everyone or Beginning Drawing with Tim Ebneith. Utilize the creative capacities of the digital world as you explore photography with Jerry Freedner or digital art with Gary Finelli. The Art School's 360 degree views of farmlands continue to inspire: work outdoors in our garden in Abstracted Landscapes: Plein Air or capture the golden light of an autumn afternoon in Light Studies with Eileen Murphy. Exciting possibilities arise as you combine pastel and acrylic to create semi-abstract land-

scape with E S DeSanna, or combine media with sculpture in Assemblage & Collage, and narrative with book-making in Book & Narrative with Nancy Kohler. Focus on line in Pen & Ink, or learn to work from a live model in Gesture Drawing, both with Maj Kalfus. As fall wanes, collect and study the unique forms of seeds, pods, and other organic forms and learn how they relate visually and conversationally in How to Speak Botanically with Sara Pruiksmas. Finally, join us for one-hour drop in classes December 2 and 9 from 1-2 or 2-3 pm: explore drawing, collage and mixed media, all materials provided.



Share your love for art!
Share ASCC with a friend: please pass along our brochure & newsletter.

Intersection:

featuring the art of ASCC faculty members Karen Arp-Sandel, Sayzie Carr and Nancy Kohler
reception & discussion
Saturday Sept 30 5-7 pm

Fall Student-Faculty Art Show

Saturday Nov 11 5-7 pm

Join us for our 8th semi-annual Student Faculty Art show. Featuring the art of ASCC students & faculty. **Also on view: Small Works Show—affordable art perfectly sized for gifts!** ASCC members may exhibit up to 2 works.