

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT ART

Recently, someone shared with me his observations about the role of art in a community: "there's just something about art: when there's a connection that's not quite there or a problem that just can't quite be solved, there's something about art that brings a solution to light and brings people together."

As we enter our fifth year of programming, ASCC is honored to help make these connections happen. Just a few weeks ago, we taught a free art program to students from the Taconic Hills School District at the Roe Jan Library. Parents and children discussed a book they had read together, wrote a secret message, and learned about artists such as Joseph Cornell and Louise Nevelson, then created assemblages themselves. Thanks to community members who donated supplies and ASCC's volunteers, each student received a free take-home art kit! This happened because of community connecting through art: students, families, donors, teaching artists, librarians, and volunteers.

In a world where divides seem to widen, let's keep that shared love of art as a connector we nourish, grow, and sustain.

With heartfelt thanks for your support.
Kathryn Kosto
Executive Director

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Through your generous donations, we raised \$10,270! **We need just \$4,730 more** by June 30, 2017 to secure full funding from our \$30,000 matching grant to bring \$45,000 total to our school. This funding allows us to teach free art programs throughout our community. On behalf of the Board, faculty and staff of ASCC: thank you for "imagining art for everyone" with us.

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ASCC's free art program at the Roe Jan Library, March 2017

Up to \$249

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ARTalks 2017: ART AS INTERSECTION

Connecting artists, art, and our community, our annual **ARTalks** series is back, Sundays 2-4 pm. This year, we are examining art as intersection: geography, medium, and time. Each program features two invited artists and an exhibit of their art on display; a reception follows each panel discussion. March 26's

ARTalk explores interconnections and contrasts in geography, and features Laura Canamela and ASCC faculty member Kari Feuer. April 9 considers intersections of medium, featuring Ellen Jouret-Epstein and K. Velis Turan. The series concludes April 23 with Art Murphy and ASCC faculty member Eileen

Murphy examining engagement with time: both time (or stillness) as depicted within a work of art, or engagement with the past by responding to previous generations of artists. A special exhibit, **Art as Intersection**, featuring the work of these artists is on view at ASCC until April 27. Join us!

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It's back! Frame & Canvas Sale September 9

Join us for our 3rd annual frame & art supplies sale. Donations of gently-used art supplies welcome.

Give creativity—give an ASCC Gift Certificate! Available in any amount through our website. A great gift for graduates, Mother's Day & birthdays. Order online.

Be engaged with art: volunteer spotlight

Did you know much of our art programming depends on volunteers? This year, volunteers have helped pack heirloom seeds for our upcoming Seed Sale and created take-home art kits for kids. And Girl Scouts will prepare collage images for our "Art & Memories" programs.

"I have been thinking about volunteering for some time. Being an artist myself I thought this would be the perfect setting for me to offer some help and keep in touch with art in the community. Having taken classes at ASCC in the past, I am impressed to see how the school has expanded to offer programs for children, and older adults across the county. Well done."

- Tess Daley, ASCC volunteer

Make a difference, have an impact: contact ASCC about volunteering today! Hours & projects are flexible to suit your time & talents. Volunteer projects include: packing art kits for kids, helping welcome visitors to our exhibits & receptions year-round, helping hang art shows, and organizing our spring Silent Auction & Seed Sale and fall Frame & Canvas Sale Fundraisers. Please email or call Kathryn or Mel.



Art on Wheels 2017

Coming soon: ASCC's free K-12 Art in the Library programs in community libraries & schools with all new projects for 2017.

With our thanks to: the Chatham Education Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community 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, a Stewart's Holiday Match Program Grant, and **generous community donors like you** for making this possible for a third year!

GOING GREEN: SPRING & ART

Usually, spring equals green in our region—but this year there's still a white blanket of snow outside! Whatever the colors outside, make spring a time for art in a class at ASCC. Small art is great art — join Tim Ebneith for a one-night class to learn how to work in acrylic, or expand your sense of line and color in his Beginning Drawing classes Thursday afternoons or Mixed Media Painting Monday evenings. Explore the landscape by working in oil with HM Saffer and Kari Feuer. Narrative, writing, and art are intertwined in Nancy Kohler's class on The Family Tree, and Sayzie Carr's three-evening course in Artist Books. Get back to ba-

sics and get reenergized with Maj Kalfus in Exploring Color. Learn new approaches to art-making with your camera with Jerry Freedner, and learn how to capture the human form with Gary Finelli, progressing from a mannequin to live model in Introduction to Figure Drawing. And as our landscape grows ever-greener each day during our glorious spring, learn how to capture the nuance and detail of foliage in Going Green with Eileen Murphy.

Spring's longer days and warming weather invite us to try something new — make this spring a time for art in your life!



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

Spring Student-Faculty Art Show & Silent Auction

**May 20, 2017
5-7 pm**

Join us for our 6th semi-annual Student Faculty Art show, plus Seed Sale, & Silent Auction.

Featuring the art of ASCC students and faculty, an art-themed silent auction of offerings from local cultural sites & businesses, and refreshments. Plus, stroll in our gardens: they are at their peak!

Be sure to join us and bring your friends.