

THE FAMILIAR & THE NEW

Spring turns to summer here at the Art School: birds tend to their fledglings, last fall's seedpods yield new growth in our gardens, and our birch tree displays a leafy fringe. As we enter our fourth year of programming, these reoccurring life cycles bring a sense of familiar reassurance, yet much is new as well. Gardens reshape and reform as seedlings sprout in new places, newly-built nests appear in tree crooks, and chipmunks scurry into new burrows.

So too our programs bring a return to the familiar and welcome: drawing, oil painting, collage, and mixed media return to our class offerings. Our Art in the Library programs return, yet explore all new themes for this year. We continue our teen mentoring program, and expand into a new program for High School students. This summer, we will begin art programs for residents with Alzheimer's and other special needs at Camphill Ghent, bringing art education to those unable to travel.

Together, we are imagining art for everyone. Thank you for being a part of this vision.

Kathryn Kosto
Executive Director

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PERSPECTIVE: the newsletter of the Art School of Columbia County



Connecting words, art, and kids, ASCC is excited to announce the second year of our community-based Art in the Library series. Expanded to over double the number of libraries as last year, the theme for this year's program is "Location: Finding Home." These free outreach programs combine art and reading, using poetry as a short, visual text form from which to begin our creative explorations. This year students K-12 are creating art inspired by poems by Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost, centered on the themes of landscape, location, and journeys. Projects range from watercolor-and-resist landscapes in which special words children have selected "magically" appear, to accordion books with a walk with

Robert Frost on one side, and the other side depicting a journey with a friend. All of our Art in the Library Programs are free and open to children K-12, and parents, grandparents and older friends and siblings are welcome to attend in a supportive role.

We are grateful to our community's libraries for their partnership with ASCC to make these programs possible. Please see the back of

this newsletter for locations, programs, and dates.

These programs are made possible in part with a Steward's Holiday Match Grant and public funds from 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 the generous support of donors like you. Thank you.

ART ON WHEELS: ART IN OUR COMMUNITY



Our Art on Wheels program has grown over five-fold this year, bringing art programs to students entering Kindergarten to those in their 80s, 90s and up. ASCC presents the following: **Hudson Senior High School:** Exploring Who We are: Art & Identity. Funding in part by First Niagara Bank. **Kinderhook School District:** Kindergarten & Grade 1: Art in the Li-

brary Program. Funding in part by Berkshire Taconic Kinderhook Arts & Humanities Fund. **Chatham School District:** Art In the Library K-5 grades. Funding in part by the Chatham Education Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. **Art & Memories:** specialized programs for memory impaired & special needs residents at Camphill Ghent. Funding in

part from the Fund for Co-Columbia County of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. **Community & Me,** Chatham Summerfest, July 9. Create self-portraits & build a community mural. Free to children & families.

We can present all of these programs because of your support. Thank you.

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Advocacy & Advancement for Artists:

ASCC seeks developing artists interested in growing their art & art career through an educational program and exposure to gallery & museum mentors. A gallery exhibit & community art project will be an end product. Please email Kathryn for more information.

Art in the Library 2016

Free art-and-word programs for grades K-12

K-2: "I'll tell you how the sun rose" landscapes & postcards

Gr. 3-6: "You Come Too" accordion books with a journey

Gr. 6-8: "The Road Less Travelled" collaged maps & landscapes

Gr. 9-12: "Far from Home" mapping in hand-stitched pamphlets

Claverack Library: Aug 27 K-2

Nassau Library (with take-home kits): Jul 11 gr. 3-6; Jul 25 gr. 6-8

New Lebanon Library: July 19 K-2, July 26 gr. 3-6; Gr. 6-8 tba

North Chatham Library: Jun 28 K-2 & gr. 6-8; Gr. 3-6 tba

Philmont Library: June 29 gr. 3-6; June 30 K-2

Roe-Jan Library: July 17 gr. 6-8; Jul 31 gr. 3-6; Aug 6 gr. 9-12; Aug 13 gr. K-2

Valatie Library: Aug 9 gr. 3-6; Aug 10 K-2

Please see our website for times, additional dates & details.

Employment & volunteer opportunities

Call for applications: ASCC Program Assistant, part-time, starting July 1. Please see our website for full details and to apply.

Did you know we rely on volunteers to help our programs run? Volunteer for help with our exhibits, kids' programming kits, newsletters & more! Even a few hours makes a difference. Please contact Kathryn for more information.

Gift Certificates: available in any amount through our website.

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

SUMMER 2016 CLASS OFFERINGS & EXHIBITS

Our summer courses bring a return of favorites and many new offerings.

Work in a three dimensions with sculpture and assemblage classes with ASCC faculty Draga Šušanj and Tim Ebneith. If you've always wanted to try oil painting, sign up for Kari Feuer's Explorations in Oil Painting, which can be taken as a six-week course, or in two-week sessions.

Expand your horizons working *en plein air* in oil with HM Saffer and watercolor with Mira Fink. Drawing continues to be an Art School strength: discover a whole new language of line with Maj Kalfus's class Freeing

the Line, or start from the very beginning with Gary Finelli's Drawing 1-2-3.

Take on a whole new perspective with Robin Guthridge's Think BIG: Exploring the Monumental in Oil & Acrylic, or learn how photographers create art with Jerry Freedner's The Art of Photography. Finally, work in mixed media or collage with Tim Ebneith or explore in two media with E S DeSanna in Dynamic Duo: Pastel & Watercolor.

What's an easy way to help ASCC?

Please share our brochure & newsletter with a friend!



Frame & Canvas Sale September 10

Volunteers & donations of frames & gently-used art supplies welcome.

Fall Student-Faculty Art Show November 12

Portfolio Review: one-on-one feedback on your art and development as an artist. Free for students ages 15-24.

Faculty exhibits:

A portion of all gallery sales helps support ASCC.

Location: finding home

Karen Arp-Sandel & Nancy Kohler. On exhibit until June 23.

The Exquisite Line:

Maj Kalfus and HM Saffer, II, opening reception June 25, 5-7 pm.

Abstracted Landscapes:

Tim Ebneith & Kari Feuer, opening reception Aug 12, 5-7 pm.