

WHERE THE SURPRISES ARE

At our final ARTalks lecture, one of our guest artists shared his favorite question, one he continued to ask himself after four decades of making art: where are the surprises? As we recently taught our Art & Intersections outreach programs to Hudson High School students, we asked this same question—where are the surprises in what you've created? Students shared the unexpected: the process of making hand-made brushes and the surprise of creating their own unique line with these brushes which came out in a way completely unexpected to everyone.

As we continue our art outreach programs into our fifth year of programming, along with new teaching locations, we are revisiting libraries and schools, greeting students and their families we've taught before, along with many new faces. But as artists, we continue to be attuned to the unexpected, the intersections and juxtapositions which reveal something new. As teaching artists, we too are always learning as we teach. This sense of openness and renewal is a process we can bring to our entire lives. Thank you for making this process of discovery and rediscovery happen for us and our community

With gratitude for your support.
Kathryn Kosto
Executive Director

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Art brings the unexpected, art brings a sense of unique intersections. Join us for free art outreach programs this summer for students K-12 in libraries throughout Columbia County with all new programs for 2017. Students in grades K-2 will learn about Columbia County resident and poet Edna St. Vincent Millay and her poem "Travel" as they explore the theme "places we can go, people we can meet" We will explore where a train can take us, write our own poem, and create a travel folder of both a day and night sky, interspersed by sparkly "cinders" (as in Millay's poem). Students in grades 3-6 will explore intersections of art and history as they create either 3-D assemblage word and sheet music sculptures or self-portraits inspired by Walt Whitman's poem "I Hear America Singing." Students in grades 6-8 will also learn about Millay, inspired by her famed poem "Afternoon on a Hill." They will create accordi-

MAKING HISTORY

In 1842, residents of Harlemville gathered to build the schoolhouse building we occupy. Records show the schoolhouse was a gathering place, not just for students, but community members of all ages who met for parties, speeches and other events. With a funding from Humanities New York (through NEH),

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ASCC's free art program at the Chatham Elementary School

on books tied with ribbons, depicting their own poem of a favorite place, illustrated with a landscape in watercolor, ink and brush. Older students will engage with Amy Lowell's "Patterns" to create textile-inspired works considering life intersections. See our website for a list of where these free art outreach programs are offered — one is sure to be in a library near you!

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we are researching our schoolhouse's history and collaborating with the Columbia County Historical Society to develop programs for 2018 incorporating this history of education in our community. In addition, ASCC is in the process of receiving our historic schoolhouse as a gift, if we are able to raise funds for



a building maintenance fund. Stay tuned for more details about this exciting and historic process!

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Frame & Canvas Sale September 9

Join us for our 3rd annual frame & art supplies sale. Donations of gently-used art supplies welcome. Drop off dates: Aug 22, 24, 26, 29, 31 and Sep 5 & 7. Volunteers welcome. Please see our website for details.

Art on Wheels: ASCC in Schools

We just completed an intensive month of working in the Chatham, Kinderhook, and Hudson School Districts, and earlier this year, we partnered with three community libraries and the Taconic Hills School District for a community read art program. We have taught nearly 500 students this year from grades K-12. **And we are also in our community all summer long.** Students from grades K-12 can join us in community libraries for family versions of these programs, free and open to the public. See our website for dates and locations.

What public school teachers have to share about our programs:

"I cannot stress just how important this program is to our students."

"This was an excellent program. The assignments allowed my talented students to exhibit their skills & creativity. They also gave my special needs students an outlet to explore without feeling overwhelmed."

"Fantastic! The combination of poetry, art supplies, and sound effects brought lots of creativity."

"Arts in Education...it allows for all students to be successful."

Membership benefits: new exhibit opportunities

Join us! As part of our new membership program, we are offering a small works show in November and December, and application opportunities for educational art shows in 2018. See our website for details.

Portfolio Review: free to students ages 15-24. Artists grow through sharing and feedback. Make an appointment for an encouraging 30 minute review of your artwork, and explore opportunities for classes at ASCC & career options. **Volunteering:** make art happen in our community. A list of volunteer projects is on our website, or contact us, and let us create a custom opportunity to suit your talents and schedule. Volunteer projects include: packing art kits for kids, helping welcome visitors to our exhibits & receptions year-round, helping hang art shows, and organizing our fall Frame & Canvas Sale Fundraiser.

A SUMMER FOR ART

Make this summer a memorable one: the process of making art is one of slowing down, focusing, and being intentional. Of bringing a sense of noticing to your surroundings. What better way to do this than with an art class at ASCC?

Head outdoors and get inspired *en plein air* with ASCC faculty Mira Fink and Tim Ebneith as you learn the process of making landscapes in watercolor or acrylics and mixed media. Immerse yourself in oil painting with Kari Feuer and Eileen Murphy. Collect and capture memories in Sayzie Carr's three-evening course in Artist Books. Learn a new way of seeing art in Representational Art into



Abstraction and Portraits and Caricatures with Maj Kalfus, or Principles of Design with

Gary Finelli. Explore Fiber art with K. Velis Turan, photography with Jerry Freedner, and mixed media with Tim Ebneith. Or explore the intersections between narrative, memory, and mixed media drawing in Nancy Kohler's class on The Family Tree.

Summer in our rural county is glorious, but goes by so quickly. Make time for seeing anew. Make time for art with a class at ASCC.

Share your love for art!

Share ASCC with a friend: please pass along our brochure & newsletter.

Upcoming Exhibit

June 17 4:30-7 pm

discussion & reception

The Rural Observed
the Art of ASCC faculty
Jerry Freedner & Maj
Kalfus

Upcoming shows:

November 11, 2017 5-7 pm
Join us for our 7th semi-annual Student Faculty Art show: featuring the art of ASCC students and faculty.

November-December: Member's Small Works Show - a wide selection of affordable art from artists in our community.