

BEING ROOTED

As the cycle of winter snows and thaws transform our region, different parts of our landscape are highlighted that we otherwise overlook. Our recent thaw revealed the strong roots around our sugar maples, trees that date to the early 1900s. Their thick, strong roots have kept them upright during many a storm, so they continue to shade and dazzle us with their foliage spring through fall.

As we all worked together to make a home for art happen last year, I was struck by just how strong our roots are. Our membership has exceeded our 2018 goals, and we have had our largest group of volunteers to date. Entering our seventh year of programming, the Art School has strong roots in our community. Our Board of Directors and I are working together on a strategic plan, and we'd like your feedback and input. Stay tuned for a Members' survey and community meetings. I am always glad to hear from you.

As we prepare for an exciting future, I am grateful for your strong support and confident that the Art School will weather the future with strength and grace. You make up our strong roots. Because of you, we continue to grow and serve our community. Thank you. With gratitude,
Kathryn Kosto
Executive Director

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**2018 CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN:
ACHIEVED**



PERSPECTIVE: the newsletter of the Art School of Columbia County

ASCC 2018 Capital Campaign

HOME

a home for the Art School of Columbia County

Thank you for helping us have a HOME for ART

Together, we did it! Thank you for your support for our 2018 Capital Campaign, Membership Drive, and Annual Fund. We now have a home for art. Nicole Furnée, owner of the Chatham Bookstore, is donating our historic 1880 schoolhouse building and land. Nicole was a member of the founding Board of ASCC, and was raised in the Netherlands and has lived in Columbia County for two decades. She is a strong supporter of the arts, environment and education, and is mother and step-mother of four grown chil-

dren, and grandmother to three grandchildren.

Having a permanent home allows us to expand our on-site art programs and plan for sculptural installations, an indoor sculpture gallery and more. We are excited for our future with a permanent home. We have been gathering your ideas through community meetings, and possibilities for our future include renovating our "red shed" into a print and clay studio.

We need your help as we grow: we are seeking community members to serve on our Board of Directors. More in-



formation is on our website, or contact us. Currently, we serve nearly 1800 members of our community annually with free and low-cost art programming for all ages, and requests for our programming are growing.

Please get involved with our mission: serving on our Board ensures we are here to serve you for years to come.

MAKE ART HAPPEN: VOLUNTEER AT ASCC

Want to make art happen? Become an ASCC volunteer! We have several ways for you to get involved:

- Adopt a garden bed: did you know ASCC has over 12 garden beds, ranging from a fern and peony bed to flowering shrubs? Mulch and tools available.
- Get the word out: hang posters. We have a list of poster places for your town—flexible schedule.
- Drop-in volunteer hours

every Thursday 10 am—12 pm: help prepare art supplies, pack art kits, help with exhibits and mailings.

- Help with art receptions

"The best thing I've done is volunteer for the Art School for 2 years, and I'm still going!"

- ASCC volunteer Tess Daley

See our website for more information and other times and projects. ASCC



Student in ASCC's free Art in the Library program, Philmont Library. Volunteers prepared all of the supplies for this print-making workshop.

volunteers give hundreds of hours each year to make our programs possible. Thank you!

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Membership Opportunities

Being a member at ASCC shows your support for art in our community, plus provides you with many benefits. Already a member? Invite a friend to join.

Call for Art: Juried Show Reimagining Region

- due Feb 20, apply on our website
- Juror: Kate Menconeri, Curator/Director of Exhibitions & Collections, Thomas Cole NHS

Members' Spring Small Works Show:

- Drop off 2 works, under 15" x 15" each, May 11 & 16 (times posted on website)
- reception May 18 5-7 pm



ASCC Members' Show

Summer Juried Show: Old School, New School

- Due: June 15, apply on our website
- Reception July 27 5-7 pm

Plein Air Paint-Out & Show: reception Sep 7 5-7 pm

Members' Fall Small Works Show: reception Nov 16

Members may attend our **Studio Start-Up series free**. Members at the **Art Supporter** level & above receive a **discount** on all classes (contact us for the code). Please participate in our upcoming **Members' Survey**—we'd love to hear from you. Additional benefits and information are on our website. Memberships renew annually in May.

Thank you for showing your belief in *imagining art for everyone* by being a member of ASCC.

Feedback on **Studio Start-Up, free for ASCC members:**

"Great to really focus on me in regards to why I'm creating."
"Wonderful series! I've been in several new shows as a result!"

WINTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

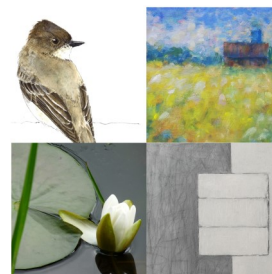
Winter light illuminates the landscape like no other: shades of blue and rose reflect from snow banks and distant hills reveal a multitude of rich greys. Join us for an art class to capture the beauty around us. Plus, what better way to meet fellow students who share your love for art?

Drawing is foundational to all art, and several classes with Gary Finelli provide a foundation in this essential skill. Capture winter's beauty in **Sketching Nature** with Jean Mackay. Or, join us for **Figure Drawing** on Thursday evenings. Programs feature an hour of instruction with Maj Kalfus or Arlene Santana Thornton, and

another 90 minutes of drawing from a live model. Or, join us just for the life drawing session. Our **free offerings** for ages 13-21 continue: Assemblage on Feb 23 and Collage: Positive & Negative Space on Mar 23. Classes have all supplies included.

Studio Start-Up returns with new and expanded topics. Held Monday evenings, workshops explore applying to juried shows, creating a series, and creating online content. All participants may exhibit in our May Members' show. Free to all ASCC members. Not yet a member? Time to join! See our website to register.

Art Shows @ ASCC



Simple Gifts reception

Saturday Feb 9 5-7 pm

Juried Show

Reimagining Region
call for art: due Feb 20
reception Sat Apr 6 5-7 pm

ARTalks 2019

Sun Apr 14, 28 2-4 pm

6 ways to help ASCC:

- 1) Think spring: **adopt a garden bed** to care for during the season. Tools & mulch available.
- 2) **Share our brochure & newsletter** with a friend.
- 3) Let students know about our **Internship Program** for high school, college & graduate students.
- 4) **Volunteer:** see our website for a list of projects.
- 5) Shopping online? Start at www.smile.Amazon.com and choose "Art School of Columbia County" as the charity.
- 6) **Join as a member!**