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North Country Arts Council

Expanding Cultural Opportunities in the North Country

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Upcoming Meetings

North Country Art Council

Old Watertown Room
Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
Washington Street
Watertown, NY
9 July, 2009
6:00-7:00pm

Strategic Planning Committee

Panera Bread
21872 Towne Center Drive
Watertown, NY 13601
23 June, 2009
6:00-7:30pm

Summer Arts Festival

Old Watertown Room
Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
Washington Street
Watertown, NY
16 June, 2009
6:00-7:00pm

Fundraising and Grants Committee

Old Watertown Room
Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
Washington Street
Watertown, NY
6 July, 2009
6:00-7:00pm

Marketing Committee

TBA

61st Annual Fall Fine Arts Show

TBA



Vocal Point singing in the gazebo in Public Square, Watertown, Cait Schadock, Bunny Gorman, Dorene Dickerson, Marty Martinez

Plein Aire in the Square

On May 16, 2009, the North Country Arts Council sponsored an arts event called Plein Aire on the Square, it was held in conjunction with the Armed Forces Day Parade and the rededication of the Lady of the Lake fountain on Public Square. Artists and performers were invited to share their talent with the community in the downtown area. The artists were on location capturing the feel of the day in original works while performances were presented before and after the planned city events.



Bob Hedden painting in front of the Woolworth building

Letter from the President

Hello NCAC Members and Prospective Members.

I have a friend, Laura Wendt, who describes the beginnings of an organization in a really interesting way. While we are not actually a new organization, we have many new faces and a refocused mission that we have been working on since January 2009.

Laura suggests that the stages of development in a new group go something like this:

- “Storming”—Lots of great ideas expressed, energy and enthusiasm abounds
- “Forming”—Starting to develop the structure needed to make things happen
- “Norming”—Energy is moving in an orderly way and most parts of the puzzle are linked
- “Performing”—Making effective

strides, moving together in concert with each other and the mission

While we strive to become a valuable resource for our community, we have done some great things already and the month of May has been a good one. On May 28, 2009 the North Country Arts Council awarded our first recipient of the “Art That Inspires People to Action”, Malarie Gokey, senior at South Jefferson High School working with Mary Ellen Shevalier. Our first “Plein Aire on the Square” was held on May 16. Our website is becoming the clearinghouse that many people requested in January. The calendar is active and more organizations and artists are linking to it daily.



Malarie Gokey, senior at South Jefferson High School with her teacher Mary Ellen Shevalier.

Meanwhile the Summer Festival Committee is busy developing programming for the August 15 event in the beautiful Thompson Park. Artists may exhibit and sell work there. Arts related organizations can provide information to the public about their projects. Musicians and dancers will perform. For more information on the Arts Festival, contact coordinator Cecilia Thompson at cthompson200@hotmail.com

North Country Arts Council is committed to promoting The Arts, artists, and education in and through the arts. We have a lot of work to do and would invite you to be a part of this development. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Flower Memorial Library at 6pm.

As always, thank you for your ongoing

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support of literature, music, theatre, dance, visual art, fine crafts. These make the North Country a better place to live.

Regards,
Kari Robertson, President

Summer Arts Festival

The North Country Arts Council will be holding their Summer Arts Festival on August 15, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We look forward to having you join us! We hope that artists, performers, writers and dancers from all over the North Country will come and participate. It will be a great day to celebrate the Arts in the North Country.

The Summer Arts Festival will include visual artists on location capturing the look and feel of the day, along with performers and dancers all gathered at Thompson Park at the Band Stand. There will also be a street painting demonstration. The visual arts section of the event will run all day, and the performances will be scheduled throughout the day.



Please consider getting involved in this event and forward this information to anyone who you think may be interested.

Musicians and performers wanting to participate can contact Andrea Pedrick via e-mail at boardofdirectors3@nnyart.org.

Artists and vendors interested in participating can contact Kathleen Mereand at kmereand@yahoo.com or Cecilia Thompson at cthompson200@hotmail.com.

Anyone interested in participating in the Street Painting Demo can contact Monica Stadalski at mstad@twcnv.r.com.

The 61st Annual North Country Arts Council Fall Fine Art Show

An Open Invitation Is Extended To All Artists Who Wish To Show Their Artwork.

The exhibition is open to all media including painting, pastels, watercolor, collage, graphics, drawing, mixed media, pottery, wood art in frames, sculpture (free standing or wall display in any media e.g. wood, metal, etc.), photography, stained glass, fiber art. The show will be held from September 27 through October 4, 2009 at the Dulles State Office Building, in Watertown, NY.

The deadline for all entries is August 27, 2009. Late entries will be accepted depending on the availability of space. Full criteria for entry can be found at www.nnyart.org.

Entry fees are:
Current North Country Arts Council Members: \$5.00 per entry (Membership in the North Country Arts Council is \$25.00 per year.)
Open Entries: \$15 single entry or \$25.00/first 2 entries, \$5.00/each for additional entries

Entry by mail:
North Country Arts Council
PO Box 32
Watertown, NY 13601

Entry by email:
ncacartshow@nnyart.org
Entry at show:
Dulles State Office Building
Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

For more information you can visit the North Country Arts Council website at www.nnyart.org or you can contact Alicia Kohler, the Fall Fine Art Show Director, at (315) 782-6562 or via e-mail at ncacartshow@nnyart.org. The North Country Artists' Guild began in 1949 and originated in Watertown, NY, to promote art and art appreciation in the

North Country. In 2009 our mission changed to include all areas of visual, performance and literary arts. With this expansion of our mission a name change was needed. We are now proudly known as the North Country Arts Council, a non-profit organization supported by volunteers and donations. It is our hope to encourage children, amateurs and professionals to nurture the arts in our community.

Upcoming Events

Summer Arts Festival

August 15, 2009
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thompson Park Bandstand
Watertown, NY
<http://www.nnyart.org/SummerArtsFestival.html>

61st Annual Fall Fine Arts Show

September 27 - October 4, 2009
Dulles State Office Building
Watertown, NY
<http://www.nnyart.org/>

To submit an event, contact us at marketingandpublicity@nnyart.org

Local Student's "Desire" Shows Through

Malarie Gokey Named as the 2009 North Country Arts Council Art That Inspires People to Action Award Winner.

North Country Arts Council presented an award at the Tri-County Art Show. The award presented by the North Country Arts Council is intended for a student who has produced "Art That Inspires People to Action". The 2009 winner of the North Country Art Council award is Malarie Gokey, a Senior at South Jefferson Central School and student of Mary Ellen Shevalier.

The Tri-County Art Show is a show held at the State Office Building each May by Art Teachers of students K-12 at all of the schools in the tri-county area. Ms. Gokey's artwork is named "Desire"



Ms. Gokey's parents are Brenda Moot & Mike Gokey of Adams Center, NY. Ms. Gokey will be attending NYU for journalism & human rights in the fall.

Mary Ellen Shevalier said of her student's achievement, "...I was so pleasantly surprised to see that our new Artist Council gave an award! This is truly a beautiful indication of the new energy and support through your organization. Also, Mal is such a perfect match for the intention of the award. She is a true Renaissance woman who is deeply passionate about her studies, art, and acting. She always carries a positive activist's attitude with her in all of her endeavors and never misses an opportunity to speak out for others and a better world. This was evident in her art work. SJCS is so pleased that you validated her passion through this wonderful recognition."

Call for Volunteers

Hello All,
I would like to put out a call for help to the general membership of the North Country Arts Council for members who would be willing to do some research at the Watertown Daily Times Library. The Watertown Daily Times Library is open for public research, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The Point of Contact is:

Lisa M. Carr, Librarian
Watertown Daily Times Library
260 Washington Street, Watertown, NY
13601
(315) 661-2445

lcarr@wdt.net

Any member that is interested in participating with this project can simply call Lisa Carr and arrange a visit. I have discussed the project with her and she is providing me with some items to put on the Fact Sheet and the List of Articles. I would ask only that I be contacted prior to the visit so that I can collect up all of the information that is found so that we can focus the next visitor on collecting different information. After we put it all together, we would like to have a "History of the NCAC" area in the gallery to show people the wonderful things that have been done over the years. This would be a lovely tribute to the past members and leadership, and a fitting way to thank them for their efforts.

I would like to open the lines of communication between the membership and the different committees to let everyone know that we hope that all of our members will be active in the daily operation of the Arts Council. We will also be sending out a list of the various active committees and committees that we would like to form, asking for volunteers to join the cause. The first sub-committees of the Marketing Committee that we would like to create are a Volunteer Coordinator Committee and a Newsletter Committee. I am looking forward to hearing from everyone. If you are interested in helping with any of the upcoming events or want to help with the operation of the Arts Council, send me a message and tell me how you want to become involved.

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Newsletter Content

We are interested in using the newsletter as a way for the Executive Council to keep the members informed about the happenings in, and around, the Arts Council. Let us know what you want to see from month to month and feel free to send us pictures for use in the newsletter and on the website. Send any suggestions to marketingandpublicity@nnyart.org, and make sure to add something about the newsletter in the subject block.

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