



## JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, September through May, excluding December, at the Vestal Public Library, 320 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal NY from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. All artists are welcome. Our mission is education through monthly demonstrations, workshops, and bus trips, as well as providing exhibition opportunities for our artists.

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### ❖ From the Easel of Janice L. Wood, President of the Board of Directors ❖

The Board of Directors would like to begin by wishing everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR! The BOD has lined up some very exciting activities for the new year. We have four (4) workshops planned, two bus trips, our member show and reception, exhibition opportunities, implementation of the new plein air group and some unique demonstrations. There is a character artist presenting in March and Bob Merwin who is a very well known artist in the area will be providing a demonstration in May. In addition there will be a mosaic, pottery demonstration and an opportunity to participate in Rock and Roar at Ross Park. Also, the BOD is planning a special fundraising activity in the FALL. Information about each of the venues will be included in FASST newsletters, the website and in special e-mails so watch for details. If you have recommendations for other activities that may be of interest to FASST members, please do not hesitate to contact any Board member or me.

As reported last month, the MALL Gallery location is currently being used by a temporary store. I will be meeting with the new manager in the near future to discuss potential opportunities at the MALL for FASST. In the mean time, the BOD is continuing to identify other locations where our artists can exhibit and sell their pieces. Some are listed on the second page of this newsletter. The BOD will highlight new opportunities as they arise and report them in our various publications.

Since the MALL site was not available for the March 2017 Young at Art Show for high School students, the Board searched for another location that would allow for 20 schools and over 160 pieces to be exhibited. Unfortunately, the BOD was not successful in finding another location to support this show. Therefore, with regret the local schools were notified in December that the YAA show would not occur in 2017. The BOD, however, is planning to host the show in 2018 and will be working diligently to find a location.

Finally, the BOD is pleased to report that the end of year financial report showed another positive result and we would like to thank all members for their continued support of the Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier, Inc.

Sincerely,  
Janice L. Wood, President, BOD  
The Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier

### MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

#### Following a brief meeting, we will show the movie “Monument Men”

**When:** January 23, 2017, 7:30 PM

**Where:** Vestal Library

Don't miss this opportunity to see a very special movie depicting the Great Masters' art that was displaced during World War II, with many pieces then later recovered due to special armed forces.

Refreshments will include Popcorn and Cracker Jacks. A great movie and a great time to socialize with your fellow artists!

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**Next Month is Model Night** ~ bring your sketch pads, art supplies, and enjoy an evening with your fellow artists. We may have extra snacks to entice you!

## WORKSHOPS

**Glenda Blake is offering 3 classes** ~ contact her at <https://glendablake.com/welcome/classes-and-workshops/>

**Fundamentals of drawing ~ How to see like an artist**  
January 12 through February 9, 2017, BCPL

**Exploring Oil Painting**  
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2017, YHPL(JC)

**Oil Painting from Altered Photographs**  
May 18 through June 15, 2017, BCPL

**Patrick McPhee**  
Tentatively scheduled for Spring 2017

**Plein Air with Richard Henry**  
June 3, 2017 ~ more info to follow

Richard also continues to teach SUNY Broome Continuing Education classes. Check out course announcements through <http://www1.sunybroome.edu/>

## MEMBER SHOWS

### Oakdale Mall Gallery

Jan Wood will be meeting with the new Manager, Courtney Rosen, to discuss if there will be future opportunities to return to the MALL. Updates will be provided as information is received.

**Just a note**, WBNG reported this month that the MALL Macys will be closing at the end of the year.

### Willow Point Rehab and Nursing

Exhibiting Artist for January, February~Donna Cheresnowski  
Thank you to all participating artists, FASST is booked in full for 2017

### Community Foundation South Central

**Jan and John Wood** ~ Private Collection of FASST artists' pieces January through March 2017

Diane Brown indicated that their schedule for 2017 is fully booked, however, if you are interested, she will place your name on a waiting list. Contact Jan at [benzjw1@gmail.com](mailto:benzjw1@gmail.com)

### UHS-Binghamton General (Krembs) and Park Gallery

August 13, 2017 - September 23, 2017 ~ openings remain  
Contact Jan Wood at [benzjw1@gmail.com](mailto:benzjw1@gmail.com)

**Binghamton JulyFest** ~ July 7,8,9 2017 This is a great opportunity to exhibit and sell art. Watch for more information on their Website and in FASST newsletter.

**Ross Park-Rock and Roar and Art** ~ Labor Day weekend  
This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow artists, listen to great bands and use the environment for inspiration to do some great plein air paintings and sell art.

### Dan Harrington Photography, Framing & Art

85 Main Street, Sidney, NY 13838

This is a new opportunity. Dan recently completed renovations of his new gallery. Artists have been quite successful in selling their pieces at this location. Stop in and check it out.

**Christ Episcopal Church First Fridays 2017** (one night only) Contact Suzanne at 222-2615

### Cooperative Gallery 213 and Broome County Arts Council Members

Watch for opportunities in their newsletters to display and sell pieces during 2017

### Gallery 41 Owego

The BOD has scheduled a multi-artist show at the gallery for September, 2017. A central theme will need to be determined by the participating artists. Space is limited.  
contact Jan Wood at [benzjw1@gmail.com](mailto:benzjw1@gmail.com).

### Don't forget the FASST Website Online Gallery

contact Christine at: [fasst.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:fasst.webmaster@gmail.com)

### HOLIDAY THEME SHOW

Broome County Public Library, December 2016

The show was exceptional and very well attended. A thank you to everyone who participated!. Final Peoples' Choice voting occurred at the reception on December 8, 2016 with the following winners:

**Best in Show** ~ "Moonlight Magic," watercolor by **Anne Kuhnen**

**1st Place** ~ "Wolf Song," acrylic by **Suzanne Lachman**

**2nd Place** ~ "Winter Field," watercolor by **Paula Purkis**

**3rd Place** ~ "Amaryllis," watercolor by **Barb Shope**

**Honorable Mention** ~ "Hues of Winter," acrylic by **Don Juozitis**

**ALERT ~ OUR FIRST PLACE WINNER, SUZANNE LACHMAN'S PAINTING, "WOLF SONG", IS MISSING FROM THE LIBRARY. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY ASSIST IN LOCATING IT, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 607 642-8744**

**A thank you to Donna Cheresnowski** for inviting FASST to her Holiday open House in November!

### FASST Plein Air Group

When the weather breaks, the plein air group will be out and about creating art. Easels will be set up, sketch pads out and artists will be busy taking advantage of the beautiful and inspiring surroundings our area has to offer that we often take for granted. If you would like to become part of this group, contact Lori at [lfarist32@yahoo.com](mailto:lfarist32@yahoo.com)

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## FEATURED ARTIST

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DONNA CHERESNOWSKI

About 14 years ago, I decided to explore art after putting it off due to work and family obligations. After I tried it, I was hooked. I took classes at Fine Design Art Studio in Maine, NY, and started doing oil paintings. At the same time, I kept learning through videos, books and attending workshops.

Then I starting doing acrylic painting with Robert Merwin, Artistic Visions Studio, Owego, NY, and I have been painting there with a group of artists for the past several years.



My favorite subjects are landscapes. Nature is so beautiful and no matter where you look, there is something that catches your eye. I take photographs when we travel, which is my inspiration for new paintings. My hope is for others to love nature as much as I do through my art.

I also paint black and white gesso pieces with oil glazes, usually of forest scenes showing sun shining through the branches, waterfalls, etc. I frame all of my paintings using ready-made frames.

**LEFT: "EMERALD ISLE PIER,"**  
Acrylic, 16 X 20 inches. Best in Show,  
FASST Members' Show, 2016.

I recently started to learn portrait painting by attending a workshop with Joseph Q. Daily, loved it, and have been working on a few portraits trying to better my skills.

Nothing is more relaxing for me than painting. The hours fly by without me even noticing. I can't wait to finish the current painting because I already have the next one in mind that I want to start.

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*Community News continued*

### BUS TRIPS

#### **July 2, 2017 ~ Shafer Bus**

NYC Botanical Gardens ~ Dale Chihuly Glass Sculpture  
Bus fare only (round trip) \$52, plus entrance to Gardens to be collected prior to date.

**Pay now to reserve your seat ~ 20 seats, but only 3 seats remain ~ first come , first serve!**

contact Jan Wood, benzjw1@gmail.com

#### **September 16, 2017 ~ Shafer Bus**

Philadelphia ~ Barnes Museum and surrounding venues  
more info forthcoming.



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