



a message from the president

Summer Greetings!

I hope you all are enjoying our lush green New York summer! This has been a great year to observe the many color variations in our beautiful city and Monroe County parks and expansive Finger Lakes landscapes.

Results from our members' election of two new Board Members make it official that Kelly White is our Treasurer and Jeff Tokarz is our Studio Manager. Many thanks to Kelly and Jeff for taking on these important roles.

The Opening Reception for our Signature Members' Exhibit at Bevier Gallery was well attended. Thanks to Chris Norris and Nancy Lane for their effort in working with me to make the event happen at RIT. A special thanks goes to Shane Durgee, Bevier Gallery Director, for his patience and outstanding professional communication in answering our many questions and for curating the exhibit so beautifully. We received excellent feedback on the opening and exhibit and appreciate the extra effort by Shane to design the special wall for our Senior Members and new Signature Members. This was a unique opportunity for five of our 40+ year members to have their art displayed with a bio in a special section of the gallery. We honor their commitment to the Rochester Art Club and service to our art community.

Our workshop in September with Tom Kegler is now open to the greater Rochester art community. If members wish to register, please do so ASAP. Registration information is here in the newsletter and on our web site. Thanks to Jeff Tokarz for coordinating the workshop with Tom!

Thank you to everyone who renewed their RAC membership and to those who volunteered to help with our club activities. Over the summer we will be contacting the members who indicated interest in volunteering to serve as board officers and manage exhibits, programs, workshops and our holiday party. We are looking forward to another great year!

Wishing all of you an enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events this fall!

Take care,

Melanie

Melanie Rinn Martinek
President, Rochester Art Club





Laurie Maddalina



spring signature show

Participating Signature Members

Kathy Armstrong
Teresa Barlis
Carol Bensley
Fran Bliek
Kathleen Bolin
Steve BonDurant
Alan Brewen
Victoria Brzustowicz
Stu Chait
JiP Couderc
Brenda Cretney
Pat DeLuca
Joan Dwyer
Carolyn Eastman
Lori Capron Galan
David Gardner
Ron Haas
Ruth Haas
Leslie Heen
John Heister
Erika Hutch
Kristina Hutch Matthews
Barbara Jablonski
Dick Kane
Nancy Lane
Pat Lesniak
Laurie Maddalina
Melanie Martinek
Anne McCune
Andrea Nadel
Christine Norris
Scott Nost
Brian O'Neill
Steven Peet
Rosemary Pergolizzi
Michelle Roberts
Carmen Schaefer
Jean Stephens
Jeffrey Tokarz
Karlene VanDeusen
Christy Vitale
Ted Wetherbee
Tim Winter
Suzi Zefting-Kuhn



Best in Show

Laurie Maddalina
Lately I've Been Dressing For Revenge

Rochester Art Supply Award

Fran Bliek
Frozen Flames

Rochester Picture Framing Award

Steven Peet
Retaining Wall

Don Grieger Landscape Award

Tim Winter
Beams of Sun and Steel

Juror's Award

Kathleen Bolin	<i>A Cut Above the Rest</i>
JiP Couderc	<i>Known by Harris</i>
Nancy Lane	<i>Twilight Jam</i>
Pat Lesniak	<i>Winter Storm</i>
Jean Stephens	<i>Ancient Wisdom</i>
Jeffrey Tokarz	<i>Friends for Life</i>

Merit Award

Kathy Armstrong	<i>Old Fashioned Peony I</i>
Brenda Cretney	<i>Dairy Cows</i>
David Gardner	<i>Smoker</i>
Ron Haas	<i>No Escape</i>
Christine Norris	<i>Day at the Wyeth's</i>
Scott Nost	<i>Southbound Blizzard</i>

Long-standing RAC members were honored along with the newest Signature Members. Senior members are Virginia Braun, Elizabeth King Durand, Dick Kane, Victor Mastrandea, and g.a. Sheller. New Signature are Debra Becks Cooper, Galen Silver, and Marleen Van Aardt.

member news



Marleen Van Aardt

Marleen Van Aardt has an exclusive show featuring paintings in oil and gouache at Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery in Hammondsport, NY. Work can be viewed while enjoying the 1886 Wine Experience, named the *Best Winery Tour in America* from *USA Today*, 2024. The show runs through July 31st.



Fran Bliek's watercolor painting *City Fragments* is hanging in the Finger Lakes Exhibition at the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, NY. The show runs through the first week in October.



Victoria Brzustowicz

Victoria Brzustowicz has three paintings in the Monroe County Parks show on exhibit at Railroad Street Artworks for the month of July.

Victoria is doing a plein air workshop at 20 Deep Winery in Mendon, and workshops for Cumming Nature Center and Pittsford Library along with other classes at Flower City Arts Center. Visit victoriabcreative.com/workshops-classes for a complete list of offerings.



Christy Vitale won Best In Show for her watercolor *Autumn Creek* in the Webster Art Spring Show. It was held at the Pittsford Barnes & Noble during the month of May.



Bill White

Bill White's painting *Remembering Bonnard* is in the upcoming exhibition "The Gathering", a multi-location group show at Steven Francis Fine Art in Lynchburg, VA. Bill also received a 3rd place Popular Choice Award in the GVPAP show at the Village Gallery for his piece titled *Afternoon Light*.



When shopping at **Rochester Art Supply**, let the cashier know that you are a member of Rochester Art Club and fill out the club form at checkout. The owners generously donate a percentage of your purchase toward gift certificates that are used for our show awards!

new member

Welcome to new Associate Member **Vickie Coykendall**.

Looking for a little exposure?

We need Signature Members for our *Spotlight* series! Send your name, a short bio/artist statement, website, social media profile IDs, and 3-6 photos of your work to: galanlori@gmail.com with *ARTIST SPOTLIGHT* in the subject line. Featured artists can hang their spotlight page on the fridge and will be selected at random.

member news



Karlene VanDeusen

Karlene VanDeusen currently has work hanging in the Parks of Monroe County Exhibit at Railroad Street Artworks through July 31, the GEO+METRIC Exhibit at Main Street Arts through September 3, and the Along the River's Edge at the Thousand Islands Art Center which opens August 18 and runs through November 4.



Painting in process by Melanie Martinek

Melanie Martinek has three paintings juried into the Parks of Monroe County Exhibit at Railroad Street Artworks. The exhibit is up through July 31. In addition, she was invited by the Cape Cod Art Center to paint at the festive "Long Table" event in Hyannis, MA.



Photo of Lori at the easel taken by Marleen

Lori Capron Galan and **Marleen Van Aardt** recently returned from a week-long advanced plein air workshop in Maine with Carol L. Douglas. They painted views in Rockport, Camden, Owls Head and Rockland, and in spite of the overcast skies, managed to get very sunburned.

Three weekend shows at
Stephen Merritt's studio
222 Hermitage Rd.
Rochester, NY 14617



Stephen Merritt

**Friday night
openings
6-9 PM**

**Saturday,
Sunday
12-5 PM**

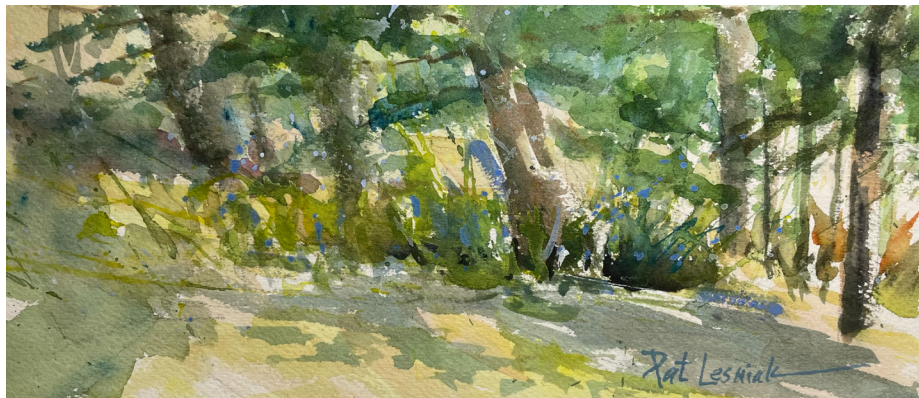
ART IN AUGUST

25th Anniversary Year!

AUGUST 1-3		AUGUST 8-10		AUGUST 15-17	
 Phyllis Bryce Ely Paintings	 Michelle J Author	 Kathryn Bevier Mono prints	 Maureen Church Paintings	 Chas Davis Paintings	 Nancy Holowka Photography
 Jonathan Merritt Photography	 Joni Monroe Paintings, drawings	 Sari Gaby Drawings, paintings	 Margery Pearl-Gurnett Mixed media collage	 Ann McCracken Drawings	 Richard Westfall Wood furniture

For more information: merrittvessel.com/events

learning opportunities



Pat Lesniak

Plein Air Watercolor at the Beach with Pat Lesniak

Sundays mornings through August (weather permitting)

9:30am- 12:30pm | \$40 cash/check when you arrive

Charlotte Beach

Enjoy a morning at the beach painting under the shade trees in a lovely area, safe with volleyball players, walkers on strand and security driving by. Short walk from car to painting location. I'll talk about art principles to begin class, do a demo of tonal and color, and then students will paint tonal and a color version. I'll offer guidance and direction as folks are painting, ending with a critique of our work.

Supplies: Bring your painting gear and good quality paper: 2 sheets- Arches, Saunders or Fabriano 140 lb rough, blocks or sheets approx 12x14" in size. Brushes 3 or 4 total: 1 1/2 inch, 3/4 inch & one rigger or similar. Rounds/square, whichever you prefer. **Suggested Paints:** 1 warm red & 1 cool red; 1 warm blue & 1 cool blue; 1 warm yellow & 1 cool yellow; plus neutral tint and Titanium white Holbein- or your preferred paint. Spray bottle, paper towels, water cup, firm backing for paper, pencil and eraser. There are picnic tables nearby, I suggest a chair and easel.

Park in Abbott's Custard parking lot in spaces near sidewalk closest to beach- you'll see beach house with restrooms as you walk towards beach. Email or call for more information: paintpaperbrush@yahoo.com or 585.301.0772.



Plein Air Classes with Kevin Feary

Kevin is teaching classes through the Arts Center of Yates County. Below are direct links to the ACYC website where you will find information for each class and a secure way to register. You can also contact the ACYC by phone at 585 536-8226 or email at artscenteryates@gmail.com.

Summer Plein Air Workshop: Monday-Wednesday, August 18, 19 and 20.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Autumn Plein Air Workshop: Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).



Tom Kegler

Landscape Art with Renowned Artist Tom Kegler

Join fellow Rochester Art Club Members for an in-studio landscape oil painting workshop with the exceptional Thomas Kegler, one of the most influential artists of our time. An internationally recognized artist and self-taught realist painter, Tom is renowned for his mastery of landscape art and commitment to the environment.

When: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Railroad Street Artworks Gallery, 3 Railroad Street, Suite G, Fairport, NY 14450

Cost: \$125 for members | \$150 non-members, includes continental breakfast and picnic lunch

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced painter, Tom's guidance will elevate your landscape painting skills, drawing from the revered traditions of the Hudson River School, Tonalism, and Luminism. The workshop is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the creative process under Tom's expert tutelage. You can see more of Tom's work at ThomasKegler.com

To Register:

In order to avoid online transaction fees, please send a check payable to "Rochester Art Club" to:
RAC/Tom Kegler Workshop
c/o Railroad Street Art Works
3 Railroad St, Suite G
Fairport, NY 14450

Registration Deadline: August 15
Questions? Contact Jeff at jjtokarz57@gmail.com.