



a message from the president

Hello Rochester Art Club Members and Friends,

I hope you all are enjoying our warm and bright early summer days. What a joy to see our local parks and gardens bursting forth with color!

Our Annual Signature Members' Spring Exhibit was held at the Railroad Street Artworks' all purpose room in March with the opening reception and awards ceremony on March 5. Artists' talks were presented on 3/19 by Karleen Van Deusen, Barbara Jablonski and Nancy Lane. The talks were highly engaging and an interesting way for the artists' to share their inspirations and processes. We hope to continue artists' talks at future RAC shows.

Our contemporary still life workshop was taught by nationally recognized artist, Trish Coonrod on March 21 and 22. We had a full house of 10 students who enjoyed the two-day workshop immensely. Trish was an effective and attentive instructor. Feedback on the event was very positive!

On April 7, Ron Haas presented his captivating work and creative process that integrates math and physics with art. He described his process of creating his large scale colored pencil drawings and showed many examples of his work in our classroom at Railroad Street Artworks.

RAC Members, please make sure to cast your ballot by email or hard copy for new Board Members. Current RAC members received their ballots by email. Votes will be tallied on June 28. We thank everyone who has volunteered time and effort for the continuation of our historic club. It is because of you that our club continues to thrive and grow!

It has been an honor to serve as your president for the past three years. The experience has been rewarding beyond measure. I treasure the many new friendships that were created by working with so many incredibly talented and kind artists. Your collegiality and support of each other's artistic growth is what makes the Rochester Art Club an important institution in our local community. It is with sincere gratitude and confidence that I wish you all the best success for the future of the club. Here's to another 150 years!

Melanie

Melanie Rinn Martinek

President, Rochester Art Club 2023-2026

Masthead: Lady and Child Alseep in a Punt, John Singer Sargent, 1887



RAC recent events



RAC members spoke about their work during Artist's Talks on the Third Thursday in March at Railroad Street Artworks.



Karleen Van Deusen



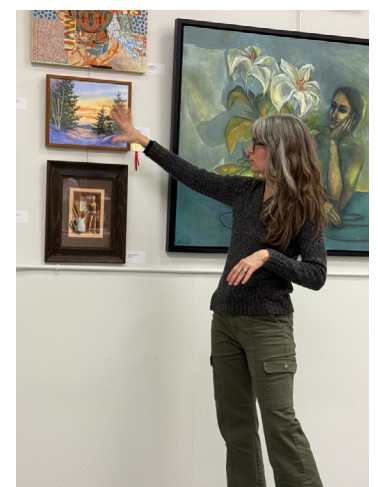
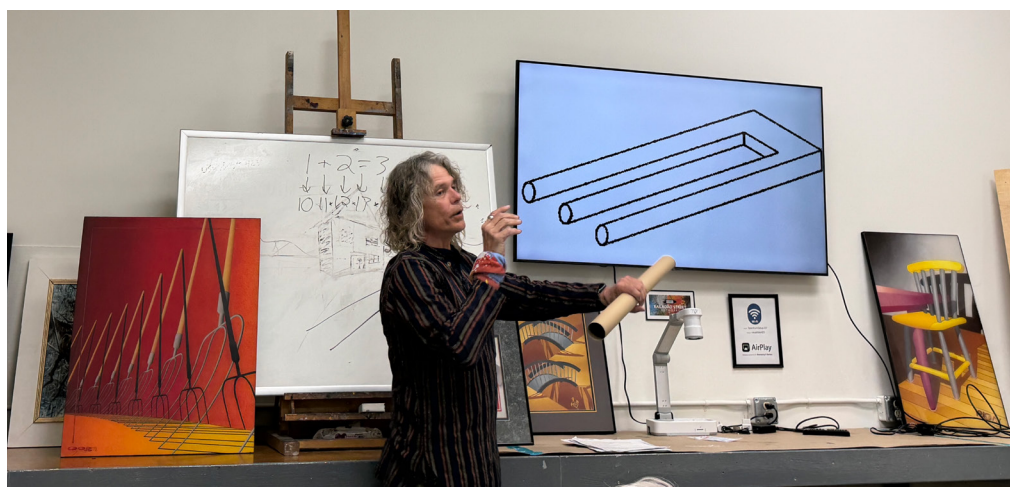
(above) Participants in the Trish Coonrod contemporary still life workshop proudly display their playful creations. Each painting depicted a windup toy selected from Trish's personal collection.

(left) Trish Coonrod discusses her technique. Behind her is one of the individual shadow boxes Trish set up for each painter in the workshop held in March at Railroad Street Artworks.

(below) Ron Haas describes his process of creating large scale colored pencil drawings integrating math and physics. Ron showed many examples of his fascinating work.



Barbara Jablonski



Nancy Lane

member news



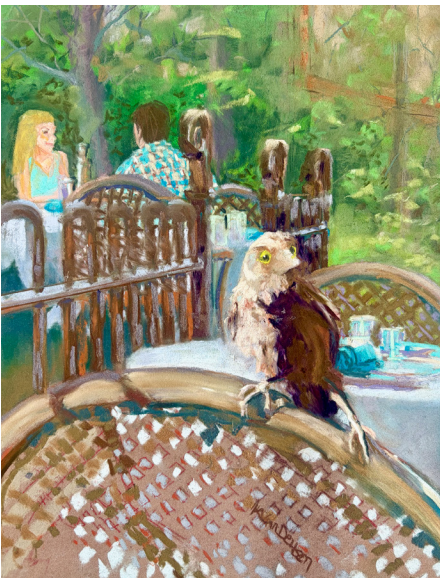
Kevin Feary

Kevin Feary's oil painting, *Snow In The Finger Lakes*, won an Award of Merit in the NOAP Best of America Small Works show held at Anderson Fine Art Gallery in Saint Simons Island, Georgia.



Victoria Brzustowicz

Victoria Brzustowicz was juried into the Pastel Society of America as an Associate member. Additionally, her pastel, *Ames Pond*, was juried into the Degas Pastel Society's 21st International Exhibition in Baton Rouge, LA. The show runs from June 30 through August 3 and will be on display at the historic Louisiana State Archives. Her oil painting, *Morning Mist* (above), was juried into the National Association of Women Artists exhibition, Summer Small Works, which will be online at thenawa.org from July 1–July 31, 2026.



Karlene VanDeusen

Karlene VanDeusen has two award winning pastels in the Sackets Harbor Art Show which runs through June 13 in Sackets Harbor, NY.

Dave Gardner's MAG students will have a show at Valley Manor's 1570 Gallery from June 22- August 7, with an opening reception on June 26th from 5:30-7:30pm. Dave teaches classes in Watercolor Portraits, Color and Composition, and Studio Watercolor. Student work from all classes will be on display and for sale.

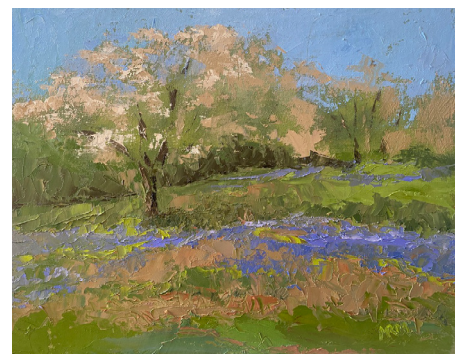


Christine Norris

Christine Norris has a graphite and pastel pencil drawing, *Marching in Their Shadow*, in the NAWA exhibition "She the People". The National Association of Women Artists is the oldest existing women's art organization in America, dedicated to honoring and celebrating the achievements of distinguished American women artists. The show runs until July 25th and can be viewed online at thenawa.org/she-the-people.

new members

We have two new Signature Members—**Elizabeth Berry** and **Jacqueline Fegan** and two new Associate Members—**Lisa Hupf** and **Sally Wood Winslow**. Welcome to RAC!



Melanie Rinn Martinek

Melanie Rinn Martinek will be the *Featured Artist* in the Railroad Street Artworks gallery for the month of August. Everyone is invited to attend the artist's reception on July 31st, 4-6pm at 3 Railroad St, Suite G, Fairport, NY.

upcoming events



Our winter challenge was "White"—snow, silence, cold. This summer, we are flipping the thermometer when Rochester is buried in green. "Red" is the punch that cuts through the lushness—a fresh sunburn, a ripe July strawberry, or the heat off the charcoal grill.

Make no mistake. Red is just as brutal to paint as white. White forced us to find structure in nothing. Red challenges us to control total chaos. It's a loud pigment that easily muddies, flattens, or hijacks a canvas if you aren't careful. Bring one original piece that harnesses that heat. We'll meet up to grab a drink, talk shop, and see who tamed the color.

Sunday, July 19, 1-3pm | Railroad Street Artworks



Experience a collection of new works capturing the shifting moods of water — from still afternoons to the weight of a gathering storm.

Opening Reception
Sunday, July 12 · 2 – 4 pm

Anthony Road Wine Company
1020 Anthony Rd, Penn Yan, NY 14527

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learning opportunities

Pastel Plein Air Workshops

with Colette Savage
and Victoria Brzustowicz

If you've ever wished or wondered how to paint a beautiful scene directly outdoors but just aren't sure how to get started, then please join

us for a day of learning, confidence building and fun with local expert artists Colette Savage and Victoria Brzustowicz as they unwrap the mysteries of painting with soft pastel in Plein Air!



Devils Bathtub Shelter, Mendon Ponds Park

County Rd 45, Mendon, NY 14467

June 13 | 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

To register, contact Colette at:

585-576-7824 or

cmsavage31@gmail.com

Thousand Islands Art Center

314 John Street, Clayton, NY 13624

June 25 & 26 | 9:30 AM- Noon

Register [here](#).



Victoria Brzustowicz's oil painting, *Outrider*, will be exhibited in Main Street Arts (Clifton Springs) juried exhibition, "Horse Power". In conjunction with this show, she will be teaching a two-session workshop, **Drawing Horses from Life**, with registration at this [LINK](#).



Thomas Kegler

2-day Plein Air Landscape Painting Workshop

July 9-10 | 10am- 5pm ea day

Commissioners Cabin at

Chestnut Ridge Park,

Orchard Park, NY 14127

\$250

For more information, location details, material list, etc, visit this [LINK](#).



Reminder: When shopping at **Rochester Art Supply**, let the cashier know that you are a member of Rochester Art Club. The owners donate a percentage of your purchase toward gift certificates used for show awards!