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On The Arts



FREE TIOGA COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE ARTS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010 FREE

Always on Sunday



Sunday, January 17, 2010. First Presbyterian Union Church, Owego, NY. 3PM.

Hilerie Klein Renzi will be our featured artist on January 17th. She is a "mellifluous mezzo" soprano, with "loads of personality". She received a Master of Music Degree in Operatic Performance with Tri-Cities Opera and Binghamton University. When not on the stage, Ms. Klein Renzi resides in Binghamton with her husband and two sons, while teaching private voice lessons and inspiring new young artists to pursue their musical ambitions.

Hilerie will be accompanied by Pej Reitz. Pej Reitz, pianist, is a native of the Binghamton Area. She received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in piano performance with accompanying emphasis. She is currently on the faculty at Binghamton University since 1991 and Ithaca College School of Music since 1999.

Always on Sunday is a series of concerts presented by Tioga County Council on the Arts each spring. Concerts are held on the third Sunday of January, February, March and April. These concerts are made possible by the generous support of The Cooper Foundation, The Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation, and the members of the Council. Concerts are FREE but donations are gratefully received.

TCCA Board News

The Tioga County Council on the Arts welcomes newly elected board member Shelly Milner, and new members Linda Brisson and Art Clark. The Arts Council welcomes persons who are interested in serving on our board. Needed are people of all kinds of expertise who can devote time to helping the Arts Council to meet its mission. The Tioga County Council on the Arts is a nonprofit arts service organization serving as the umbrella organization for the Arts in Tioga County. Established in 1976 and incorporated in 1978, the Tioga County Council on the Arts encourages and promotes the arts as a means of enriching the cultural lives of Tioga County residents and surrounding areas. The Arts Council initiates many diverse programs and opportunities for exposure to county artists and crafts persons. The goal of the Tioga County Council on the Arts is to make the arts accessible to everyone.

Free Watercolor Demonstration

Saturday January 16, 2010 Tioga County Council on the Arts, 179 Front St. Owego, NY. 11:00 AM

Artist and Teacher, Ed Steinhilper, from Williamsport, PA, will be giving a free demonstration of watercolor painting at the Arts Council on Saturday, January 16, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Ed describes himself as a "wet n' wet" landscape painter. He graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and is a juried member of the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society and the North Shore Art Association of Gloucester, MA. He was an instructor at Williamsport Community College from 1987-1993 and is now an instructor at the Lycoming Art Students League. He teaches 5 classes a week and conducts workshops in Pennsylvania, New York and Cape Ann, Massachusetts. The mountains, streams and hamlets of central PA provide endless subject matter for Ed as do the fishing vessels, deep coves, relentless ocean waves and endless horizon of Cape Ann. We hope Ed's demonstration will interest a number of students in signing up for a workshop in the near future. Registration is required and space is limited. Please call the Arts Council today (607-687-0785) to register. Come see if watercolor painting is in your future!



Home Tour & Auction Thanks

The 29th Annual Home Tour and Auction was a great success. Over 400 guests braved the winter weather to visit the homes and businesses on the tour. Many of these hardy souls returned to the Elks Lodge to partake of desserts and beverages while they bid on a wide range of auction items that were donated by many generous businesses and individuals. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Wendy and Tim Deis, Terrence and Joanne Cooney, St. Patrick's School, The First Baptist Church of Owego, the Jail House, the Pumpelly House, the Tioga County Historical Society Museum, and Ye Olde Country Florist for their gracious hospitality. The Owego Elks Lodge, especially Emil and Barbara Kotasek, were particularly generous with their time and facilities and we owe them a special debt of gratitude. Many, many volunteers assisted us as hosts and hostesses in the homes, as bakers, and in many other capacities. Please accept our thanks. Thanks as well to Theresa Rathke, auctioneer, Beverly Foster, Emma Sedore, Ameripride Linens, and Tioga Gardens.

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Members are welcome and invited to attend. Please call for verification during summer months and if meeting date falls on a holiday.

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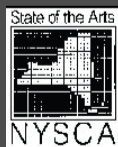
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FOCUS Newsletter Deadline

Submissions should be typed and submitted by the third Friday of the month prior to the publication month. All articles are subject to approval and editing by TCCA.

Songwriter Showcase

Saturday January 16, 2010 at 9:00 p.m. at the Cyber Café West, 176 Main Street, Binghamton, NY. Come see Zarni performing songs from her debut CD, "Friday Night Lights", with back-up band Joe Lane, Jamie Osterhout, and Sean Kanazawich. Also appearing will be Todd Evans, Dan Fleugel, John Kanazawich, Jeff Stachyra and Steve Strauss. Suggested donation at door is \$5. 1/2 of the donation will go to our twin charities, CHOW and WHY-Artists Against Hunger & Poverty. The audience is also encouraged to bring food donations. Check out the website at www.songwritersshowcase.org.



January 16, 2010 at 8 PM. EPAC presents Mariana Bekerman Dance Company "Black & White", a multi-media dance/theater piece that consists of seven sections questioning the essence of human existence in diverse ways. Tickets: \$15 day of show, \$12 advance, \$8 Students, \$5 EPAC kids.

January 22, 2010 at 8 PM EPAC Concert Series presents "Pat Kane & Finger Lakes Folk". Tickets: \$12 General Admission.

The Theater is at 102 Washington Avenue in Endicott. For information call 607-785-8903.

EPAC IDOL—Visit the website for information about trying out to be the EPAC idol! www.epacidol.com. This is a fundraiser for EPAC and is for anyone who loves to sing and is 10 years or older.



Spring Concerts

Jan 24— University Chamber Chorus 3pm

Trinity Memorial Church Binghamton free

Feb 7 -Organist Jonathan Biggers— A Bach Celebration!! Series 4pm Fine Arts 21 \$

Feb 21— Musica Nova: New Decade, New Sounds 3pm Anderson Ctr. Chamber Hall \$
www.music.binghamton.edu 607-777-ARTS



2 South Nanticoke Ave. Endicott, NY

Box Office: (607) 748-7363

Mon–Fri 12–5:30,
12–Curtain, day of performance.

The Uneasy Chair

by Evan Smith

Jan. 28-Feb. 14

Somewhere in the nineteenth century, Amelia Pickles, a prim and proper spinster of modest means, agrees to let out a room in her Victorian London establishment to a retired military man, Josiah Wickett. The arrangement seems to be working out until Mr. Wickett decides to play matchmaker with his nephew, an officer in the cavalry, and Miss Pickles' prissy niece; as a result, through a gross misinterpretation, Miss Pickles is convinced that Mr. Wickett is about to ask for her hand in marriage! A thoroughly enjoyable comedy of manners.



Madrigal Choir of Binghamton

The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton presents "Ceremony and Celebration for Twelfth Night" in the Holy Trinity Church, 346 Prospect St. Binghamton on Saturday, January 9th, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 10th, at 4 p.m. Tickets are available at Che Bella Glass on Upper Front ST. and RiverRead Books on Court St. Group rates are available by calling 729-4767. Adults \$15, Seniors \$10, Students \$6. This concert is sponsored in part by Wies Markets. www.madrigalchoir.com.

Dinner Theater

DEATH BY DISCO

By James Daab Directed by Sara Caliva
Interactive Murder Mystery

Without a Cue Murder Mysteries
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January 2nd to February 27th 7 PM
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Cornell University Music

Tues. Jan. 26 8:00 p.m. Sage Chapel University Glee Club, John Rowehl, conductor. Features music performed on the group's tour to the northeast.

Fri. Jan. 29 8:00 p.m. Barnes Auditorium Guest Ensemble: Brave New Works; Chris Younghoon Kim, director.

Sun. Jan. 31 3:00 p.m. Barnes Auditorium Cornell Contemporary Chamber Players: Jesse Jones, Peter Fahey, Takuma Itoh, Eric Nathan, and Amit Gilutz, directores. Music by Cornell graduate composers.

Goodwill Theater

Jan. 16, 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Tom Knight Puppets \$10/8

Jan. 29, Feb 5, Feb. 6, 8:00 PM

Jan. 30 2:00PM

Othello! \$20 Adult \$15 Student/Senior
A Classic tale of lust, love, and betrayal. Jealousy and self doubt overcome reason and true love pays the price.

Call 607-772-2404 ext. 1

SCHORR FAMILY FIREHOUSE STAGE
67 Broad Street, Suite 210
Johnson City, NY 13790



January 13 - February 7, 2010 **PRECIOUS NONSENSE** by Rachel Lampert

Rachel Lampert's delightful 2005 musical returns for an encore production! Love triangles, cross-dressing, and mistaken identities beset a traveling Gilbert & Sullivan troupe in this onstage/backstage, show-must-go-on musical for all ages.

KITCHEN THEATRE COMPANY
116 North Cayuga Street
Ithaca, New York 14850
Tickets: 607-273-4497

TCCA Galleries & Satellite Galleries

ArtSpace Gallery

Carolyn Campbell
179 Front Street
Owego, NY

Open Monday – Friday:
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Owego Town Hall

TBA

State Route 434

Owego, NY

Open Monday – Friday:
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tioga State Bank

J.P. Malone—photography

1135 State Route 17 C

Owego, NY

Hours Daily: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Sweet Voiced Bird Has Flown: Portraits of Common Birds in Decline

From December 16, 2009- April 2, 2010 there will be an exhibit at Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology by the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators of the Finger Lakes. They have illustrated 20 common bird species that have been identified by the National Audubon Society as being in decline. By illustrating these birds and using this exhibit as a short traveling show, 20 members of the guild hope to bring awareness of the perils these birds face, and the difference that citizen action can make. There will be a reception on January 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. and a public program, "Light in Winter Festival" talk by Steve Kress, the Audubon Society's director of Seabird Restoration Program, on January 23rd, at 11 a.m. The exhibit will also be shown at Cornell University's Mann Library from April 2 - April 30, 2010, with a reception on April 8, from 5-6 p.m.

Saltonstall Fellowships

Call to Artists and Writers of New York State.

Call for Entries for Summer fellowships by Saltonstall. Applicants must be artist or writer who live in New York State. Applications for Summer Fellowships are judged on the basis of artistic merit by a jury of accomplished writers and visual artists. We encourage artists, in every stage of their career, regardless of education or experience, to apply. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, religious belief, marital status, sexual orientation, or national origin. The application deadline for the Summer Fellowship is January 15, 2010.

For detailed information, visit www.saltonstall.org and click on 'Summer Fellowships' at the top.

The Foundation seeks applications for the following categories for 2010 Fellowships:

- Fiction
- Memoir/Creative Non-Fiction
- Painting/Sculpture/Visual Art
- Photography

Rockwell Museum of Western Art

Two upcoming exhibitions at the Rockwell Museum of Western Art are planned to evoke a sense of discovery and a spirit of exploration for Museum visitors. **January 15 - May 16, 2010:** Human/ Nature: Artists as Explorers in the Early American West. **January 15- May 16, 2010** Photographs of Edward Sherriff Curtis from the collection of the Rockwell Museum. The Rockwell Museum of Art is located at 111 Cedar Street in Corning, NY. The Museum is open to the public seven days a week; hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Between November 1, 2009 and April 25, 2010, The Rockwell Museum is offering Free Sundays, inviting the community to the Museum free of charge to explore all Museum galleries. Membership to the Museum includes yearlong free admission. For more information, please visit us online at www.rockwellmuseum.org.

ArtWalk ArtTalk

One of the reasons that Owego is the Coolest Small Town in America is because of all the Art Galleries! Visit these galleries **On January 15th in the evening!**

ArtSpace Gallery—687-0785

179 Front St Owego—Carolyn Campbell

East of the Sun, West of the Moon-687-6305

206 Front St. Owego—Bob Merwin

French Alley —687-0757 35 1/2 Lake St. Owego —Shirley Robilotto —oil paintings

Front and Center Gallery—687-1760

188 Front St. Owego—TBA

Fuddy Duddy's Fudge—687-3834

17 Lake Street Owego—Kathy Place

Gallery 41—687-2876

41 Lake St. Owego—TBA

Lake Street Studios—687-9242

42 Lake St. 2nd Floor, Owego—Bob Merwin, Gary Watson, Maggy-Pierre Gregoire, Pat Gause

Riverow Bookshop—687-4094

187 Front St. Owego—TBA

Ruscak's Stained Glass Studio—687-1285

210 Front St. Owego—Sandra Ruscak

Van Horn Jewelers—687-3960

31 Lake Street Owego—TBA

Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival

Contemporary Crafts and Fine Art
The 40th Annual Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival will be held July 30 - Aug. 1, 2010. New artists are welcomed. Applications are available at www.zapplication.org.

1. Create profile
2. Upload your digital images
3. Click on "Apply to Shows" and select the Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival
4. Complete the application **by March 13, 2010**

For more information or a paper application call (315) 422-8284 or email:

mail@downtownsyracuse.com. The website is www.syracuseartsandcraftsfestival.com.

Call for Artists!

The Flan Club is a community oriented restaurant neighboring the First Friday Art Walk of Binghamton, (58 Henry St. Binghamton). We have dedicated a wall of the restaurant for a monthly exhibit in an effort to celebrate the works of talented artists in Broome County. If you are a local artist and would like to display your work at the Flan Club, please e-mail info@flanclub.com. See our website at www.flanclub.com. If you have a special theme (i.e., Latino heritage, cancer awareness, Spiedie Fest) please notify us.



Arts at the Gardens

You are cordially invited to participate in the 10th Annual Arts at the Gardens, (a juried Show & Sale of Fine Art.) This show will be held August 21 and 22, 2010 on the grounds of historic Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion in Canandaigua, New York. Applications will be accepted for original work in two categories: Fine Arts and Fine Crafts. You may download an application at www.ArtsAtTheGardens.org or phone (585) 394-0896. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2010. This is ranked as one of the top fine art shows in Western New York.

Playwright's Playreadings

Playwright's Playreadings is back for 2010! The Geneva Theatre Guild is looking for original scripts (no more than two per writer), with a running time of 30 minutes or less. GTG can now accept submissions electronically in .doc or .pdf format at playwrights@gtglive.org. If you would rather, submit by mail to Geneva Theatre Guild Playwright's Playreadings, PO Box 424 Geneva, NY 14456, (please include four copies of your submission.) The deadline for submissions is January 16, 2010.

Submission guidelines are available at www.gtglive.org. All submissions which meet the guidelines are given blind readings by two selection committees. Scripts are rated by established criteria. The plays with the highest scores move on to a final committee who read the plays aloud as a group. All final plays are discussed and then the decision on which plays will be selected for staged readings is made. At no time prior to the final selection does any committee member know the identity of the playwright.

Cooking Classes

Check out the Front and Center cooking classes for January! Julia and You, Thai, Mediterranean, Homemade Angel Hair Pasta, Italian Boot Camp, South of the Border Mexican Celebration, Tuscan Table, Winterlicious, Pastabilities, Ah Tuscan, The Best of Mexican. Front and Center is located at 188 Front Street, Owego. Call for reservations 687-1760. Visit the website: www.frontandcenter.net.



Wine & Beer Tasting Event and Silent Auction

We will have beer and wine from different breweries and wineries for your tasting pleasure. We will also have food from area restaurants and caterers. Please come and try to win something at our silent auction! This promises to be a fun winter evening! Please come and join us! Date: January 22, 2010. Location: Owego Treadway Inn Time: 6:00PM-9:00PM. Advanced Tickets can be purchased at Lawler's Liquor Store, Scott Smith and Son, or any Board Member for \$30/couple or \$20/person. At door \$35/couple, \$25/person. Designated Driver is \$20. Visit website at www.oafoundation.com.



TIOGA COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The Tioga County Council on the Arts is searching for interested artists and crafts persons to participate in their new gift shop, located in the front galleries on Front Street in Owego. Applications are now being accepted for membership in the gift shop; membership will require artists to contribute a small monthly fee and work a few hours a month, while making a six month commitment to the gift shop. We are searching for regional artists that work with wood, pottery, textiles, metals, jewelry, paint, sculpture and more. Our purpose is to help regional artists become more visible in the community, while growing creatively and economically. Please contact the Arts Council for an application if you would like to share your work in a supporting and growing community.

Contra & Square Dances Every 3rd Sunday

At Tioga Trails Café located on the corner of Lake & Main Streets in Owego, NY. January Caller will be Ted Crane and the band will be yet to be finalized. Beginners Always Welcome! All Dances Taught & Prompted. No partner Needed! Admission: \$7; Students & Seniors (55+) \$5; Family Maximum \$15 For more information call Stu Johnson 607-687-4034, or April Swaney 607-687-7195. Or visit dance.clarityconnect.com/owegocontra. This project is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program administered locally by The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes.



Happy New Year!!

Waterman Conservation Education Center Waterman Center Annual Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 10th at 1 PM, Waterman Center will host its Annual Meeting. Come to hear reports, meet the board members and learn about plans for the future. There will be a special program on the Waterman Center Birds of Prey. Call Waterman Center at 625-2221 for more information.

Natural Hide Tanning Class Ages 11 - Adult. January 29th, 6-9 PM
January 30th, 10 AM - 3 PM
January 31st, 8 AM - 5 PM.
Learn to tan hide the ancient natural way at Waterman Conservation Education Center. Primitive technologist, Doug Jenks, will guide you through the steps involved to naturally tan a deer hide by using organic materials. This process will take three consecutive days and is labor intensive. Learn the Native American philosophy regarding hunting and the use of animals. You will keep the hide you tan. \$50 members of Waterman Center, \$65 non-members. Pre-registration required. Call 625-2221 to register.



Poetry

By Rozalia Ciorogariu

First Snowflakes Dancing
On January sixteenth
About noontime
I saw outside
A brilliant sunshine.

After five minutes,
Falling Snowflakes
Doing a devilish dance
By the wind directed

And this nonstop dance
Becoming rapidly
Like a polka, rock' n roll
Dancing flakes, roundly.

I enjoy watching
From my warm room
Sitting and admiring happily
This free entertainment for me.

Book Shower and Tea For the Coburn Free Library

Save the Date: March 7, 2010
Time: 2:00—4:00 p.m.
Place: Pumpelly House
Admission: A book purchased from the registry at the Riverow Bookstore, or \$20 at the door

TCCA Schedule of Events

Jan	15	ArtWalk Reception Carolyn Campbell paintings
Jan	17	Always on Sunday Concert Hilerie Klein Rensi
Feb	19	ArtWalk Reception Ruth Wagstaff Quilts
Feb	21	Always on Sunday Concert Panigma Steel Bank
Mar	TBA	Folk Arts Performance
Mar	19	ArtWalk Reception Louis Mancuso Acrylics
Mar	21	Always on Sunday Concert TBA
Apr	TBA	Folk Arts Performance
Apr	16	ArtWalk Reception Ben Hobbs Furniture
Apr	18	Always on Sunday Concert Opera and Song

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Tioga Gardens

Tioga Gardens is the ultimate garden center for neighbors and travelers alike, featuring a tropical domed conservatory, stunning water gardens, greenhouses, outdoor nursery and an incredible array and selection in the floral and gift shop. Tioga Gardens and Chris Kuhlman have supported Tioga County Council on the Arts throughout the years in bringing quality arts programs to our community.