ACWC PRESENTS GARTH FAGAN DANCE PERFORMANCE

The Arts Council for Wyoming County, with the sponsorship of the NYS Dance Force and Tompkins Bank of Castile, presents a performance by Garth Fagan Dance at 7pm on Saturday, April 18, at the Letchworth Central School auditorium.

Garth Fagan Dance is an internationally acclaimed contemporary American dance company. It's a bustling school of dance with an enrollment of 400 students and a community-based resource of broad and growing influence, whose home has remained in Rochester, NY, for almost five decades.

The company started in the 1970s, when the country was just beginning to emerge from a tumultuous decade of riots and widespread unrest. As part of his recent appointment to the faculty at SUNY Brockport, Garth Fagan began teaching dance classes at the SUNY Educational Opportunity Center in downtown Rochester. Many of his students had no previous training. Most came from inner city, economically disadvantaged backgrounds. But Fagan was so inspired by their raw talent and tenacity that he decided to transform this highly unconventional group of dancers into a professional company, based not in one of the world's cultural capitals, but in upstate New York.

Garth Fagan Dance will present a mash-up of demonstrations and performances for the ACWC's 45th Anniversary dance presentation and as part of their 50th anniversary tour around New York State. This is indeed cause for celebration!

The concert is a FREE ticketed event, with an optional donation at the door. Tickets may be picked up at any Bank of Castile branch in Wyoming County and the Batavia Main Street branch. Letchworth Central School is located at 5550 School Rd. in Gainesville.

This project is made possible with funds from the NYS Dance Force, a partnership program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Additional funding was made possible by Tompkins Bank of Castile.

Pictured left: Traditional Chinese chairs from the Qing Dynasty.
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ACWC MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING & BOOK RELEASE BREAKFAST PARTY FOR TED WETHERBEE

All members of the ACWC are invited to celebrate another successful year (the 45th anniversary!) in the life of the organization and the release of the long awaited new coffee table book celebrating the life’s work of artist Ted Wetherbee. The brief annual meeting is open to all members so they can participate in the election of our board of directors and officers. Following the breakfast and annual meeting will be the release of Ted’s book, which will be available for purchase and signed by the artist.

The event takes place on Saturday, May 16, starting at 9am at the ACWC at 31 S. Main St. in Perry. Please RSVP by calling (585) 237-3517. It is important that members attend this meeting in order for all discussions and decisions to be validated, as per Article VII - Meetings of ACWC Membership. President of the board of directors, Gary Buchholz, will chair the meeting.

The cost of Ted Wetherbee’s book at the release and book signing will be $60. For multiple orders of 4 or more, it will be $40. Pre-orders are $50, and can be purchased by calling the ACWC at (585) 237-3517.

2020 ACWC Annual Members’ Meeting Agenda:

• Call to order
• Acceptance of the minutes of the last regular and all special meetings
• Acceptance of the financial report of the past year’s monthly meetings
• The announcement of retiring board members
• Very brief messages from the outgoing president and passing of the gavel to the new president
• Election of members to the board of directors and its officers
• Very brief message from the executive director
• Recognition of volunteers
• Adjournment

The year in review with reports are presented in a booklet that is given to all attendees.
FIBER FLURRY 2020

Fiber Flurry will be held in the beautiful town of Wyoming, New York again this year. Come over to the Village Hall on April 25 from 10am — 4pm to visit the vendors selling wool, yarn, finished items, and tools to help you be proficient in the skills you will learn in our many classes. This year we will have workshops in brioche knitting, silk fusion, beading, and more! We will have volunteers available as well to help those who want to learn to knit or crochet, or just to help with those problem projects that you are having trouble with.

Our keynote speaker will be Tina Turner of Tina Turner Knits, a knitter and designer from the Rochester area. We will have lunch at the historic Wyoming Inn and enjoy meeting new friends who share our passion for fiber. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Franke at (585)237-3517 ext. 102 or franke@artswyco.org.

NEW EVENTS AT ACWC

We will be starting a few new series here at ACWC and hope that you will join us. The first is a seminar called A Closer Look with Margaret VanArsdale. Participants will learn about and discuss popular artists, their work, and techniques. The group will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. We will be examining the works of Van Gogh in March and Monet in May. There will be no session in April.

The next two complimentary series evolved from a desire to help more people through the Community Arts Grant process, and to connect more artists and musicians with those looking for programming. Beginning on April 13, we will have Community Art Grant seminars every other month. These seminars will include topics such as marketing, artist pricing, writing and budgeting a grant proposal, and getting your own tax ID number. Our first session will be led by Rachel Richter of Olive and Ink printing. She will be discussing how to develop eye-catching business cards and using design software. The seminar will be at ACWC from 6:30 to 8pm.

On the opposite months beginning in March, we will hold Gatherings. These are opportunities for artists, artisans, musicians, and art educators to meet with those in the community that are interested in sponsoring arts programming. Our first meeting will be to discuss and determine the best way to move forward in connecting these groups, and to develop a method to ensure they can find each other in the future! These will also be held at ACWC at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of every other month beginning March 10. Hope you will join us!

ACWC’S ANNUAL CHAMBER CONCERT: SARAH WETHERBEE & FRIENDS

The ACWC’s Annual Chamber Concert will feature Sarah Wetherbee and friends at 7pm on Saturday, May 16. This year’s venue is Hope Lutheran Church at 2 East Main Street in Arcade.

Sarah Wetherbee has captivated audiences throughout the United States with her dynamic performances. The Washington Post describes her playing as “elegant, first-rate, and velvet voiced.” Her broad repertoire ranges from baroque to contemporary music. Sarah has performed with many ensembles including the Ives String Quartet, National String Quartet, Violins of Lafayette, Modern Musick, Smithsonian Chamber Orchestra, Aradia, Four Nations Ensemble and the Washington Bach Consort. Also devoted to the music of living composers, she has performed as a chamber musician at the Tanglewood Festival, the Contemporary Music Forum, and for the International Association of Woman Composers Conference. She has premiered many new works including chamber music by Washington, DC composer Jessica Krash.

Learn about more upcoming ACWC 45th anniversary concerts you can’t afford to miss on page 10.

TRAVELING EXHIBITION: REIMAGINING THE BEACH

The ACWC is pleased to announce a group exhibition done in collaboration with Mandelbrot’s Beach, a book of poetry written by local poet Dave Kelly. Reimagining the Beach features local artists and their interpretations of poems found in Kelly’s 2019 book. The work includes several different media such as paintings, ceramics, and song. Dave Kelly, the former Poet-in-Residence at SUNY Geneseo, has published 15 books and chapbooks of poetry and experimental prose. He has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York Foundation for the Arts, and the Poetry Society of America. He retired from SUNY Geneseo in 2009 and resides locally. The exhibit was the idea of ACWC and GVCA member, Carol Nickol. “I am so pleased that so many artists readily signed on to this project,” said Nickol. “It started out with Kim (another member and artist) and I talking about how much fun it would be to do a poetry and interpretation project. But as soon as it got started, other people asked to join. After about five people were on board, I pursued others so we could have a full show. I think that with such a variety of media, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.”

The exhibit will open on Friday, March 6, and run through Friday, March 27, with a closing reception. Featured at the reception will be classical guitarist Anthony Catalano. “With a love for many different styles of music, Anthony’s repertoire and compositions blur musical boundaries and remain free of artistic conventions.” A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Anthony’s compositions have premiered at the Fresno New Music Festival in California and the Framment Azioni Music and Dance Project in Udine, Italy. He has also contributed a score for the short film, Lady of the Lake. “It is always interesting to see what the various arts can do to and for each other,” said Kelly. “And I think Carol’s concept is such an exciting method of collaboration!”

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ENCHANTED DRAWINGS

An animation retrospective is in the wings at the ACWC. It’s a family friendly cartoon festival of feature length and short films that will satisfy cineastes of all ages. The first of the monthly screenings takes place in the ACWC Gallery, Saturday, April 4 at 7pm, when the Oscar-winning Spirited Away will be presented.

The only limits to the animation medium “are the artist’s imagination and his ability to realize his visions,” notes film historian Charles Solomon. One of the most vivid imaginations belongs to Japanese master animator Hayao Miyazaki, the creator of Spirited Away. This wondrous film, about a sullen ten-year-old girl and her parents who take an unexpected road de-tour into an enchanted world, is astonishingly inventive in its imagery and fantastically realized creatures. This film was named to the British Film Institute’s Films-To-See-Before-Age-14 list.

During the years 1928-1941, the animation medium underwent a growth and transformation unparalleled in the history of the visual arts. “It was as if painting had gone from the flat, conventionalized style of Byzantine icons to the rich three-dimensionality of a Rembrandt portrait in a few decades,” wrote Solomon. The genius behind this transformation was Walt Disney, who challenged his team of artists to reach new heights with the creation of such masterpieces as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Snow White, to be shown May 2 at 7pm, is a warm and joyful rendition of the fairy tale about the lovely young princess who, ill-treated by her evil stepmother, finds refuge with the seven dwarfs. Disney’s groundbreaking first animated feature film boasts vivid characters and a charming song score, which includes Whistle While You Work, Heigh Ho, and Some Day My Prince Will Come.

Still the fairest of them all, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs has been named to the Library of Congress National Film Registry, the British Film Institute’s Film Treasures list, the American Film Institute’s Greatest Films list, and the University of Southern California’s Most Significant Films list.

“While Disney and his artists were perfecting the art of animation, pursuing greater realism and beauty, animators, writers, designers and directors at other studios [were creating] the Hollywood cartoon, a unique American contribution to film comedy,” said Solomon.

In the vanguard was the Warner Bros. studio’s animation department, the home of the Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies cartoon short subjects, which are among the funniest films ever made. An all-star program will be unspooled on June 6, at 7pm, featuring prime examples of such favorites as Bugs Bunny, the Road Runner, Porky Pig, Pepe le Pew and more, along with a generous sampling of animation director Chuck Jones’ classic work.

FIBER CORNER by Linda Franke

When I was about 5, I decided to help my great-grandmother out. She had an enormous tin of embroidery floss skeins that she used to embroider linens and bedding. She was prolific, to say the least, and I loved to see what she was making. I would run my little fingers over the silky smooth floss, or sometimes just take a peek in the tin filled with piles of jumbled jewel-tones. Gram never was much for following a colored pattern, she just would pick a color she liked out of her tin and start stitching.

One day I decided to help her out. I noticed that all the skeins had annoying paper wrappers on them. They really got in the way of feeling all that beautiful silkiness. I sat and patiently removed all the papers from all the skeins. Every. Single. One.

I just heard the collective gasp from all stitchers everywhere.

For those of you that have other interests than embroidery, those annoying little papers were the method by which my Gram would be able to determine the color name and number so that she could get more if she needed it, or replicate a piece in the future. To say the least, my mother was not pleased with my “help.” Gram, though, wasn’t worried at all. She really didn’t care if she used DMC #332 or #335; the flower or bird would be lovely either way. I have been thinking about Gram a lot lately and missing our chats. I wonder what she would think about how I sometimes forget to run my fingers over a silky or fluffy fiber, or the way I get wrapped up in data and deadlines.

I think she would sit me down and remind me to pay attention to the piece in front of me, to be mindful of the way the colors mix together to be something more, something that they could not have been on their own. I think she would encourage me to let my yarns get a bit jumbled sometimes so that I could discover something new.

Here’s to playing with some new colors this year. Hope you find yours, too.
ACWC COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS 11 PROPOSALS FOR 2020

The Arts Council is very pleased to announce that it will fund 11 cultural and arts proposals this year through the Community Arts Grant Program. “There were a number of great projects this year. The panel worked hard to make sure the programs were varied and offered interesting and exciting opportunities to different groups throughout the county,” says Grant Coordinator Linda Franke. “I think there were some tough choices made by the panel as there just isn’t enough money to fund all the good programs out there. I am excited about the upcoming year’s events, and hope we get even more applicants next year.” Events funded by the Community Arts Grant Program will be listed in the ArtsNews Calendar each quarter.

Arcade Historical Society will offer a series of three speakers in their newly renovated history research center’s lecture hall. The events will include speakers on women’s suffrage, World War I, and the history of cheese factories in the area. There will be an accompanying exhibit for each speaker.

Eagle Free Library in Bliss will provide an extensive series of events for all age groups. The Saturday series in March includes Music Maker’s Wonderland with Topher Holt; Mike Randall and Friends puppetry and magic; Hawk Creek Wildlife Center and a Quilts for the Barn Workshop. In July, the library will be hosting Shibuki, a Japanese Taiko Drum Group; Galaxy Art with Randi Kirsch; Carnival Day; and a dance workshop with Wendy Rumley. There will also be a paper quilling class for teens and tweens. Omnipresent Puppet Theater’s presentation of Beauty and the Beast, a glass art workshop for adults, and A Dream is a Wish Entertainment will present Stories and Songs with Princesses and Heroes.

Josh Rice Projects is sponsoring The 2020 New York State Puppet Festival in June in and around Perry. Internationally-renowned Bread & Puppet Theater Company will open the festival and Tom Lee and Koryu Nishikawa V, a fifth-generation traditional Japanese master puppeteer of Hachioji Kuruma Ningyo Theater, will headline. Trusty Sidekick Theater Company, a resident company of Lincoln Center, will co-headline and present their nationally lauded show for audiences on the autism spectrum, Campfire, in collaboration with the Autism Nature Trail. Other participants include The Brothers Campur, Shayna Strype, Emma Wiseman & Emily Zembra, Andy Manjuck, the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Cultural Center and Nehrpi Ameni.

The Town of Orangeville will continue its popular Talent in our Town series in March and April. Brad Veley of Brad Veley Masonry is offering a workshop on March 28 in which each participant can create his or her own stepping stone or tablecloth weight. English Paper Piecing with Carol Weber will follow on April 4. The series finishes up with a wet felting workshop led by Kathryn Hollinger on April 18.

Perry Community Band and its 70+ amateur musicians from the area will provide three concerts this year. On July 26 the band will perform at Perry United Methodist Church. They will once again be a part of the Pioneer Picnic on August 2 at the Pioneer grounds at Silver Lake, and then we will once again be treated to their full band holiday concert on December 14 at the Perry United Methodist Church.

Perry Farmers Market will continue to offer its visitors an array of artists and performers in its Summer Series. Patrons can enjoy engaging with local artisans and listening to music as they relax and get some shopping done at the market, open each Saturday from mid-June through September.

Silver Lake Institute will offer a series of programs that combine old favorites with new workshops. These programs include music by the Old Hippies, A Special Blend Women’s Barbershop Quartet, Full Swing Big Band, John Dudy and More Irish and American Folk Music, Trilogy and Grizzwoode. They will also provide other programming regarding aging issues and a Family Square Dance workshop with Kelly’s Old Timers. They will finish up their season on September 4 with Artisans on the Greenway – an arts and crafts extravaganza – and an end of season concert at Epworth Hall.

Steven’s Memorial Community Library in Attica will host another year of Wacky Wednesdays. This program is in collaboration with the New York State Summer Reading 2020 Program. This summer will include performances by the Rev Theatre Company Summer Youth Tour (The Golden Goose), Two of a Kind’s Music, Magic and Dragon Dances, Repco Wildlife’s Here There Be Dragons, and a one to two day fiber arts interactive workshop with Blubird Studio.

Warsaw Public Library will receive funding to present several workshops and artists including Mr. Scribbles, a puppetry workshop in conjunction with The New York State Puppet Festival, Two Herons Drum Circle, The Art of Mandy, and Art Smart Studio glass fusion. There will be a workshop for pre-schoolers to create art inspired by fantastical features, and one for older students and adults with mixed media. Omnipresent Puppet Theater will also present. Call the Warsaw Library at (585) 786-5650 to register.

Wyoming Free Library will again fill the year with programming for all ages and abilities. The Genesee Community College Theater Department Children’s Theater will perform as well. Omnipresent Puppet Theater. The Gaslight Concert Series at the Wyoming Village Hall and Park will provide live vocal and instrumental music. Art workshops will include altered book art, nature art, Zentangle, card making and painting and creative writing groups. Gretchen Sepik will reenact the story of Mary Jemison on February 1.

The Wyoming Historical Pioneer Association will hold its 148th anniversary annual Pioneer Picnic on August 2 this year, and again will provide musical and historical programming to entertain and delight those attending. Local musicians include Full Swing Big Band, Warsaw Chordbusters (barbershop harmony), Perry Community Band, Kelly’s Old Timers and the Biggest Little Band of Quigleys.

Bob Doyle will receive an Individual Artist Grant. With support from the Perry Main Street Association, he will create a portrait project incorporating life sized photographic portraits reflecting life in our community.

We will also have three artist residencies in Wyoming County Public Schools this year. Josh Marcks will work with Sarah McLaughlin’s English classes this year at Perry High School, Glenn McClure will work with Jason Decker’s music classes at Letchworth Central School, and Heather Owens will work with Kristin Adolf’s art classes at Perry Elementary School.
NOTE: ALL ACWC AND COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD TYPE

ONGOING EVENTS

• The ACWC Classic Film Series is held in the upstairs East Indian Screening Room (now fully accessible) at the ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. Free on Thursday nights at 7 pm. Registration requested. Call the ACWC at (585) 237-357.

• The Canyon Camera Club meets at the ACWC every other Wednesday from September through May. For information, contact Joan Schumaker at (585) 490-3302.

MARCH

4 • Canyon Camera Club program: Composition and Helpful Camera Hints presented by club members at 7 pm at ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. Info: call Joan Schumaker at (585) 490-3302.

5 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

6 • ACWC’s Annual Community Arts Grant Awards at 7 pm. ACWC, 31 S Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

6 • ACMC Members Gallery Exhibition Opens: Reimagining the Beach. The reception for this exhibition will be held at its closing on Friday, March 27, ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-357.

6 • Wyoming County High School Art Exhibit opens in the ACWC Main Gallery. Show will run through March 27. Public reception and presentation of awards will be held March 20 at 6 pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

7 • March into the Library: Eagle Library’s Continuing Arts Program presents Musician’s Wonderland with Tophert Holz at 11am. Participants will help create soundscapes, lyrics and an original story to make a one-of-a-kind sing along hit! Eagle Free Library, 3413 School St., Bliss. Info: (585) 322-7701.

7 • Color Block Socks Class (#1 of 2) from 10am — 12:30pm. Cost is $30. Please contact franke@artswyco.org for supplies list. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

7 • Mr. Scribbles! will be at the Warsaw Public Library in 11am.

10 • Gathering at ACWC: for artists, artisans, musicians, art educators and those looking to develop programming at 6:30pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

11 • A Closer Look Art Seminar Series: Van Gogh with Margaret VanArsdale at 1:30pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry.

12 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

13 • Crocheted Irish Lace from 6 — 8:30pm. $40 includes all supplies. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

14 • Color Block Socks Class (#2 of 2) from 10am — 12:30pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

14 • Wyoming County Student Art Exhibit Grades K-8: closing reception from 2—4pm at the YMCA, 115 Linwood Ave., Warsaw, NY. Awards and refreshments. Info: (585) 237-357.

14 • March into the Library: Eagle Library’s Continuing Arts Program hosts Mike Randall and Friends at 11am. Magic, puppets, ventriloquism, storytelling, laughter, fun, and lots of kid participation! Eagle Free Library, 3413 School St., Bliss. Info: (585) 322-7701.

18 • Canyon Camera Club program: Internal Image Critique & Selection of Golden Horseshoe Images at 7 pm at ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. Info: call Joan Schumaker at (585) 490-3302.

19 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry.

20 • Wyoming County High School Art Exhibit: Public reception and presentation of awards at 6 pm in the ACWC Main Gallery, 31 S. Main St, Perry. Info: (585) 237-357.

21 • March into the Library: Eagle Library’s Continuing Arts Program hosts Talk on the Wildside with Hawk Creek Wildlife Center at 11am. Live animals including a lynx, skunk, opossum, porcupine, and others. Eagle Free Library, 3413 School St., Bliss. Info: (585) 322-7701.

21 • Character Design with Izabella West at 7pm. Learn how to create graphic arts characters. Ages 12 and up. Cost is $15. ACWC Members Gallery, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

24 • Basic Crochet Class from 6 — 7:30pm. $25. Please contact franke@artswyco.org for supplies list. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry.

26 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry.

27 • ACWC Members Gallery Exhibition Reception: Reimagining the Beach. Featuring classical guitarist Anthony Catalano. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

28 • March into the Library: Eagle Library’s Continuing Arts Program hosts Barn Quilts, an art workshop, at 10:30am. Ages 12 and up. Learn about the history and significance of barn quilts and paint two color 12" x 12" interior quilts on canvas blocks. Keep an eye out for registration information. Eagle Free Library, 3413 School St., Bliss. Info: (585) 322-7701.

28 • Digital Character Design with Izabella West at 7pm. Watch and learn as Izabella designs a digital art character. Ages 12 and up. Cost is $15. ACWC Members Gallery, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

28 • Talent in our Town Series: Masonry project with Brad Veley. 2 to 4pm at Orangeville Town Hall, 3529 Rt. 20A, Warsaw, NY, 14569. Free and open to the public. Sign up & info: (585) 322-0174.

APRIL

1 • Canyon Camera Club meets for the program, Plants of the Chihuahuan Desert by Steve Jakobiat. 7 pm at ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. Info: call Joan Schumaker at (585) 490-3302.

2 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

4 • Reception and Exhibition in Honor of Sarah Hoepner: ACWC will host a small reception in Sarah’s memory from 11am to 2pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

4 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

4 • Magic Loop Socks Class (#1 of 2) from 10am — 12:30pm. $45 includes all supplies. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

4 • Talent in our Town Series: English Paper Piecing with Carol Weber at the Orangeville Town Hall from 2 to 4pm. 3529 Rt. 20A, Warsaw, NY, 14569. Free and open to the public. Sign up & info: (585) 322-0174.

7 • Kid’s Class: Painted Easter Egg from 11am — noon. $2 per child. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-357.

9 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry.

13 • Community Arts Grant Seminar Series: Using Design Software and Making a Great Business Card. 6:30 to 8pm. *Note: This session is on a Monday instead of a Tuesday! ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry.

15 • Canyon Camera Club meets for Light Room is the Right Room for Great B/W Prints by Gordon Brown. Enhance, correct and improve color and black & white raw files to make great b/w images with fewer clicks! 7 pm at ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. Info: Joan Schumaker at (585) 490-3302.

Welcome back, Spring!
16 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517.
17 • ACWC Gallery Exhibit Opening Reception for Fortunes & Forgeries: Reception at 6:30 pm and talk at 7 pm. Come enjoy Chinese and American refreshments, music, and cross cultural harmony! Free and open to the public. 31 South Main Street, Perry. (585) 237-3517.
18 • Magic Loop Socks Class (#2 of 2) 10am — 12:30pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
18 • Talent in our Town Series: Wet Felting with Kathryn Hollinger from 2 to 4 pm at the Orangeville Town Hall, 3529 Rt. 20A, Warsaw, NY, 14569. Free and open to the public. Sign up & info: (585) 322-0174.
20 • Fiber Flurry: 10am — 4pm at the Wyoming Village Hall, Wyoming, NY. Classes, workshops, vendors, refreshments, and conviviality for the fiber lover. Info: Linda Franke (585) 237-3517 ext. 102 or franke@artswyco.org.
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28 • Arcade Historical Society’s History Speaks Series: Local Legends & Lore. Susan Eck/Emblem of Equality, Women’s Suffrage in WNY. Exhibit opens at 6:30 and speaker at 7:30 pm. 15 Liberty Street, Arcade.
30 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517.

MAY

1 • ACWC Members Gallery Exhibition Opens: Photographer Jane Bliss, the 2019 ACWC & Creekside Fabrics Visual Arts Scholarship for Young Artists Awardee. Reception from 6:30 — 7:30 pm. The exhibition will run through May 29. ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
2 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517.
2 • Lace Socks Class (1 of 2) 10am — 12:30pm. Cost is $25. Please contact franke@artswyco.org for supplies list. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
3 • ACWC Members Annual Meeting & Book Release Breakfast Party for Ted Wetherbee: 9am at the ACWC, 31 S. Main St. in Perry. Please RSVP by calling (585) 237-3517.
4 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
5 • Lace Socks Class (2 of 2) from 10am to 12:30pm. Cost is $25. Please contact franke@artswyco.org for supplies list. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
6 • Lifts & Lore. Susan Eck/Emblem of Equality, Women’s Suffrage in WNY. Exhibit opens at 6:30 and speaker at 7:30 pm. 15 Liberty Street, Arcade.
7 • The ACWC Classic Film Series: Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St, Perry.
9 • Ace Socks Class (2 of 2) from 10am to 12:30pm. Free at 7 pm in the ACWC’s East Indian Screening Room, 31 South Main Street, Perry.
13 • A Closer Look Art Seminar Series: Monet with Margaret VanArsdale at 1:30pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
15 • Magic Loop Socks Class (#2 of 2) 10am — 12:30pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
16 • ACWC Members Annual Meeting & Book Release Breakfast Party for Ted Wetherbee: 9am at the ACWC, 31 S. Main St. in Perry. Please RSVP by calling (585) 237-3517.
17 • Magic Loop Socks Class (#2 of 2) 10am — 12:30pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St, Perry. (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
18 • Talent in our Town Series: Wet Felting with Kathryn Hollinger from 2 to 4 pm at the Orangeville Town Hall, 3529 Rt. 20A, Warsaw, NY, 14569. Free and open to the public. Sign up & info: (585) 322-0174.
20 • Fiber Flurry: 10am — 4pm at the Wyoming Village Hall, Wyoming, NY. Classes, workshops, vendors, refreshments, and conviviality for the fiber lover. Info: Linda Franke (585) 237-3517 ext. 102 or franke@artswyco.org.
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ACWC'S 2020 YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

2020 ACWC RISING STAR ARTIST

Andrew Foster of Pittsford is a 2017 BFA graduate of Houghton College where he majored in Studio Art and specialized in Ceramics. His stoneware pieces are created using traditional techniques, including hand building, slab work, and the pottery wheel. Most are created on a Shimpo RK Whisper wheel in his home studio. He is a member of Flower City Art Center, where he glazes and fires his pottery. Andrew will receive a booth at the 2020 Letchworth Arts and Crafts Show, press opportunities, and a 2021 solo exhibition in the ACWC’s Members Gallery.

2020 ACWC & CREEKSIDES Fabrics Visual Arts Scholarship

Mara Hoyt is currently a junior at Letchworth Central School. Her award will give her the opportunity to spend a year studying with a master artist. This apprenticeship will culminate with a solo exhibition at the ACWC in May of 2021. Valued at $900, the ACWC & Creekside Fabrics Visual Arts Scholarship for young artists is made possible through a partnership with the ACWC and Creekside Fabrics.

ACWC Janice Schroeder Youth Fiber Arts Award

Congratulations to Abigail Parker of Perry on being selected to receive the 2020 ACWC Janice Schroeder Youth Fiber Arts Award in both the independent judge’s and the People’s Choice Award categories. Her counted cross-stitch piece (pictured below) helped secure both wins; a first in the history of the award.

The ACWC Janice Schroeder Youth Fiber Arts Award is a cash award of $100 made possible through sponsors Lori Schroeder (owner of L. Schroeder Consulting, Inc.) and Julie Schroeder (owner of Homespun Boutique in Ithaca). This award was established in honor of their mother, Janice, a fiber artist and Wyoming County native who participated as a Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show artist for 25+ years and was involved in 4H. The People’s Choice Award is a cash award of $50; it gives the public a voice in determining the second category of the award.

JANE BLISS EXHIBITION

2019 ACWC & Creekside Fabrics Visual Arts Scholar

The public is invited to attend the May 1 opening reception for an exhibit featuring the work of young photographer, Jane Bliss. Jane was the recipient of the ACWC & Creekside Fabrics Visual Arts Scholarship for Young Artists in 2019.

Jane lives in Castile and was the 6th recipient of this scholarship. She is a senior at the Letchworth Central High School where she is active in sports and other extracurricular activities. After high school, Jane plans to attend college with the hopes of studying photography and the teaching of children with mental disabilities.

The ACWC & Creekside Fabrics Visual Arts Scholarship, now in its seventh year, is made possible through a partnership between the ACWC and Creekside Fabrics of Arcade. It is awarded annually to one high school student who wishes to further his or her studies in visual arts, including painting, photography, fiber arts, ceramic, and carpentry. Valued at $900, it encompasses a year-long apprenticeship to one or more fine arts or crafts local masters in the discipline selected by the student. The scholarship culminates with a solo exhibition in May of the following year. A special thank you to Ed and Sandy Pirdy of Creekside Fabrics for co-sponsoring this scholarship.

Come meet Jane and see her work at the opening reception for her exhibit in the upstairs Members Gallery of the ACWC in Perry. The reception takes place on Friday, May 1, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. The show will run through May 29.

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All are welcome to view this show at the ACWC Gallery in Perry. This FREE event is open to the public, where everyone is invited to gather and commune with these unique creations, and perhaps this creative collaborative may ignite a new literary or visual art project.

~ some information in this article is courtesy of OWWL News
WANTED!

If you are wishing for an artist, artisan, or volunteer for your program or event, contact Linda Franke at franke@artswyco.org and your request will be added to the newsletter for the next edition.

Fiber Challenge 2020

In that spirit, ACWC is looking for knitters, crocheters, weavers and fiber artists of all types! We have a limited amount of hand-dyed wool from Propanicus Moon (luscious!) and are looking for some original designs that represent nature in Wyoming County. For $15 you will receive one skein of this lovely yarn in your choice of Flurry Blue or Village Green as well as the rules for the contest. Original patterns and the completed items must be submitted by May 15. The Fiber Challenge items will be displayed in the upstairs gallery at ACWC in August 2020 and the patterns will be included in a book published by the Arts Council for Wyoming County. All participants who complete a project and submit a finished original design will also receive a complimentary copy of the pattern book.

To request a kit, or if you have any questions, contact Linda Franke at franke@artswyco.org or at (585) 237-3517 ext.102 by April 17. Additional copies of the book of patterns will be available for sale at ACWC!

YARN BOMBING

Yarn bombing is a form of community art in which participants combine items that have been knitted, crocheted, woven, felted or knotted into a piece of work that is displayed on a stationary object (or not so stationary, in the case of vehicles!).

Many of you have seen the yarn bombing on the trees in front of the Arts Council and have wondered if you could participate. The answer is an emphatic yes! So far we have a patchwork tree in front of the gallery and a snowman by the corner. We have a few more items that are being stitched together and would love to do the whole street. We will need more squares to finish a fourth tree! To be a part of this fun project, please mail or drop off a square or rectangle to Linda Franke at the Arts Council. We can’t wait to see what the new trees will look like!

SUMMER 2020 BRINGS 45th ANNIVERSARY CONCERTS YOU CAN’T AFFORD TO MISS!

An historic encore TWIN PIANO CONCERT featuring Dan Saunders and Bill Roberts will be a very special ACWC 45th Anniversary fundraiser on Friday, July 31, at 7 pm in the ACWC Main Gallery, 31 S. Main St. in Perry. Tickets are $45 or $60/ couple.

The ACWC, in partnership with the Pike Fair Association, presents DDENDYL HOYT in concert on Sunday, June 14, at 3pm in the new Volunteer Arena at Pike Fair Grounds, 70 East Main St. in Pike. Food trucks and much more. Tickets are $20.

ACWC MOURNS LOSS OF TWO SPECIAL MEMBERS

Sarah E. Hoeppner, age 74 of Perry, passed away on Sunday January 12, at Highland Hospital in Rochester. She was born in Warsaw on May, 15 1945, a daughter to the late Merle F. and Norma (James) Petherick. She was a 1963 graduate of Warsaw Central High School. Sarah was a teacher’s aide at Perry High School for over 25 years, retiring in 2007.

She was an artist who worked with a variety of media and always pushed the boundaries with her art. She exhibited at the Arts Council for Wyoming County in Perry, Schoen Place in Pittsford, International Art Acquisitions in Rochester, and Go Art! in Batavia. She and her family enjoyed putting up their annual Halloween displays that attracted hundreds of visitors each Halloween. She enjoyed quiet times with Max and her two dogs, Jaisey and Jingles, at their camp in Wethersfield.

She is survived by her husband Max whom she married on July 10, 1965, a daughter, Tracy (Douglas) Hoeppner-Russell of Perry, along with many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ACWC, PO Box 249, Perry, NY 14530, or to Pluta Cancer Center, 125 Red Creek Dr., Rochester, NY 14623. The ACWC will hold a small memorial reception on April 4. See page 10.

Elizabeth “Betty” Hiddemen Rice, age 94 of Perry, passed away on December 5, at Eastside Nursing Home where she had been residing. She was born in Glenolden, PA, on October 26, 1925. Betty was a 1943 graduate of Glen-Nor High School in Glenolden, PA, and a 1946 graduate of Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia Training School for Nurses. In 1974, she received her Bachelor’s degree from Empire State College and her Nurse Practitioner degree from Syracuse Community Hospital. Betty received her Master’s degree from SUNY Brockport in 1977.

Betty was certified in both New York and Pennsylvania as a registered nurse. She worked at the Wyoming County Community Hospital for several years, then for 25 years was Dr. Willard Chapin’s physician assistant and retired from SUNY Geneseo. Betty also worked with her late husband at the former Little Studio in Perry. She helped with all aspects of the photography studio — going to weddings, doing school pictures, touching up and processing film and doing the book keeping.

Betty was a member of several organizations including the ACWC. She is survived by her children: Kathryn (Marwin) Cummings of Tioga, PA, David (Darlene) Rice of Perry, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The ACWC thanks the families of Sarah Hoeppner and Betty Rice for their generosity in naming the ACWC a memorial recipient.
CAROL NICKOL IS FIRST MCDANEL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Carol Nickol of Mount Morris on being selected to receive the first Douglas & Ryan McDanel Memorial Scholarship.

The McDanel family members chose Carol because her work and proposal reflect both McDanel’s art process and philosophy.

Carol will use her $500 scholarship to make a series of vessels (urns) that will be patinated or enameled and contain die-formed or chase/repousse elements.

The Douglas & Ryan McDanel Memorial Scholarship will have a life of five to ten years. Applications for the next round are due on the last day of 2020. Five hundred dollars will be awarded to one adult visual artist who has been creating work continually for the past five years or more.

The award will be determined by how well the artist’s work and proposal (which may also include an interview) reflect Doug and Ryan’s art process or philosophy.

BE BLUE!

Pantone, LLC, is an agency based in Carlstadt, New Jersey that is probably best known for its color matching system. (Think of the color chip cards you get when you are picking out new paint for your living room walls.) They also get to pick the color of the year, and for 2020 it is Classic Blue! This is especially helpful for those who work with the Hat not Hate anti-bullying campaign, an organization that brings awareness to this issue by making, collecting and distributing blue hats and discussing ways to prevent bullying. This group also chose blue because they say it “represents awareness, peace and solidarity.” In celebration of the intersection of these two happenings, ACWC is calling for knit or crocheted hats for a new show titled Blue. The hats may be of your own design or one of the patterns at the link below, and they must be some shade of blue. Your hats may be dropped off at ACWC between May 26 and May 30. The exhibit will run in the Members Gallery upstairs for the month of June, and the opening reception will be held June 5 from 6:30 to 8pm. The hats will then be donated to Hats not Hate for distribution during anti-bullying workshops. Check this link for patterns: https://hatnothate.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/HNH_Lookbook_2020.pdf

SARAH HOEPPNER MEMORIAL

The ACWC will display select pieces of Sarah Hoeppner’s work throughout the month of April and host a small reception on Saturday, April 4, from 11am to 2pm.

This reception is intended to offer some closure for the artists’ community, but is open to anyone who wishes to attend or view her work at any time during the month.

GLOW TRADITIONS NEWS

by Karen Canning, Program Director

Annual Round & Square Dance

Livingston Arts presents this annual event, featuring Kelly’s Old Timers and members of the Geneseo String Band. It will be on May 2, from 7-10 pm. If you’ve never been to a square dance, you can come early at 6:30pm and learn the basic steps. No special clothing or prior knowledge is required. The dance is truly a fun evening for all ages, and a great opportunity to enjoy a longtime local tradition. This arts council sponsored dance has been held for more than 25 years! Refreshments will be available.

The dance is at York Central School, 2587 Genesee St. (Route 63) in Retsof. Admission is $5 for adults; $3 for spectators; and free for those 18 and under. Info: (585)243-6785; www.gvartscouncil.org

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CHALK FESTIVAL ARTISTS WANTED!

The Perry Chalk Art Festival committee is seeking artists and artistic youth to participate in the 2020 Chalk Art Festival, which takes place July 11 in downtown Perry. Artists are invited to explore the theme, The Twenties.

Artists can choose to participate with either a Solo Square or with a Multiple Artist Square. Multiple Artist Squares allow artists to work as a team on adjacent chalking squares. Both types of entries will be judged together. $600 in prizes will be awarded to winning artworks.

Artists will be supplied with a 5’ x 5’ chalking square, a wide selection of pastels and chalk colors, and a $75 stipend. Participation for professional artists is selective, and requires the receipt of a registration form by Saturday, July 4. Artists will be notified of their acceptance after July 7.

Talented youth ages ten through 19 are invited to participate in a chalking contest. Youth chalkers will work on the same theme and receive the same supplies as the artists. Youth artists must signify their intent to participate by completing a registration form by July 4, and enclosing a $5 entry fee. Prizes will be awarded, and all participants will receive recognition.

Our Aspiring Artist event for those ages 5-9 will return. Aspiring Artist registration will take place at the festival with artists chalking prepared squares.

The popular fine dining event, Taste of Summer, will return with even more regional chefs participating. In addition, the day’s events include a community bike ride starting at the Village Park, Perry Farmers’ Market and a street-side public market. Live music will be featured all day, including performances by Creek Bend and Kelly’s Old Timers. There will be face painting with Mugsy the Clown, entertainment for kids, and more.

Registration forms, additional information, and a partial schedule of Chalk Festival events are available online at www.perrychalkfestival.com or by calling (585) 237-5375.

This event is made possible through generous contributions from local government, businesses, individuals and from the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. It is also made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature; administered in Wyoming County by the Arts Council for Wyoming County.

EAST AURORA FIBER ARTS COLLECTIVE

Love fiber arts? You’re invited to join the conversation with a group of lively, dedicated fiber arts enthusiasts looking to create a warm and welcoming shop in the village of East Aurora. The goal is to build a broader community of fellow fiber artists by opening a brick and mortar store that will be open six days a week to sell supplies for knitting, weaving, crocheting, spinning, and other fiber arts. The collective will host special events, trunk shows, guest fiber artists, and fiber arts retreats as well as provide classes for all ages and skill levels. To learn how you can participate, visit www.eafibercollective.com or email eafibercollective@gmail.com
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IT'S SO EASY TO BECOME AN ARTS COUNCIL MEMBER! SIMPLY FOLLOW THESE 3 STEPS:

1. Complete this form
2. Include a check payable to ACWC
3. Mail to: ACWC, PO Box 249, Perry, NY 14530

OR simply call (585) 237-3517 to charge it to your credit card!

This is a: □ New Membership □ Renewal □ Gift Membership

Name ____________________________________________
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I would like to know more about:
□ ACWC’s Artist Registry
□ Community Arts Grants
□ ACWC’s Grants for Young Artists
□ Volunteering at ACWC
□ Other ______________________

I am an artist in the following discipline(s):
□ Visual Arts: 2D
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□ Photography
□ Creative Writing
□ Dramatic/Performance Art
□ Crafts
□ Music
□ Dance
□ Media Arts/Graphic Design
□ Other ______________________

Please send me regular email updates of ACWC events & opportunities in the arts!

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