



Above: *Passion Flower* by Bonnie Leigh.

ART & FRIENDSHIP EXHIBIT TO OPEN IN MAIN GALLERY

What could be a more appropriate exhibition for the reopening of the ACWC's gallery than the celebration of art and friendship? Indeed, these two elements played a critical role in helping many of us traverse the effects of COVID-19 as we were forced into isolation.

Karen Barber, Carol Corrigan, Bonnie Leigh, and Lilly Thiell Milliman are four artists with diverse backgrounds living in the Fillmore area who became friends through art at the studio of Sarah Phillips. As with the power that comes from enduring friendship, there is also power in having the capacity to wait, which these friends have done for almost three years, to exhibit their work in the ACWC's gallery.

The ACWC is pleased to finally welcome these four friends to the gallery, and invite the public to come experience the diverse representation in media manipulation and style.

Karen Barber started painting after retirement and has found joy in both the process and the friendships at Sarah Phillips' art studio. She works in water-soluble oils and watercolor and is inspired by things of local and personal interest.

Carol Corrigan started as a decorative painter many years ago and spent several
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ACWC REOPENS WITH A NEW LOOK

The ACWC is thrilled to welcome the public back to 31 S. Main St. in Perry as we reopen on September 2, with a new look and preparation for our first two events since operations paused in March as a response to the Coronavirus. Thanks to our members for their patience and support, and special thanks to the New York State Council on the Arts and the New York Council of Nonprofits for their support and guidance during that time. We are pleased to announce that the ACWC's Board of Directors approved reopening based on the comprehensive reopening plan created to ensure the health and safety of our staff and all visitors to the gallery. We are also

pleased to join with many of our state's arts organizations to bring you live cultural experiences as we reopen. The public is invited to two events in September that will kick off our live art experiences again:

- **September 11: *In Memory of Sarah*.** This will be a day of memories and an exhibition in honor of artist Sarah Hoepfner. Individuals will have an opportunity to spend time throughout the day in solitude or with friends among a select collection of Sarah's work from 11am to 6pm. A short reception to celebrate Sarah's life will be held live and streamed through Facebook from 6:30 – 7pm. Artists will have an opportunity to share memories of Sarah publicly during this time.

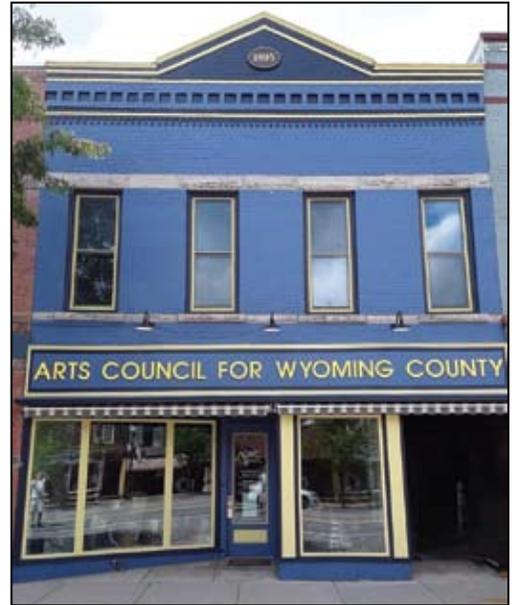
- **September 26: A book release party** will be held from 11am–1pm celebrating two long awaited publications: *Our Farms, Our Families* and *As I See It*, featuring the art of Ted Wetherbee. Both books were produced by the ACWC and will be available for purchase at the release event.

Our Farms, Our Families is part of the culminating project from a larger grant that was made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts under Governor

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2020 LETCHWORTH ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW CANCELED

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, the Board of Directors of the Arts Council for Wyoming County unanimously voted to cancel the 2020 Annual Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show & Sale that was scheduled for October 10, 11, and 12 at Letchworth State Park. ACWC's priority is the health and safety of the artisans, volunteers, support staff and the community. This was a heartbreaking and difficult decision for our organization to make, as it will have significant economic impact on our artisans and all other entities who have contributed to the 44-year success of this event. But as COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, and after numerous consultations, meetings, and a survey of the artisans, it became clear that in the face of an unprecedented situation, we needed to make this tough choice. This will mark the first time in 45 years that the ACWC has not held this annual festival.
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**RECENT NEW & RENEWED
ACWC MEMBERSHIPS**

BENEFACTOR

Betsy L. Colon

PATRON

Rev. Richard W. Blazejewski
Jo Ann & Donald Butler
Joan B. Mokdessi
Ralph & Linda Field

FAMILY

Florence Baker

INDIVIDUAL/ARTIST

Griff Logan
Diane Ball
Gretchen VanOrden

LACS VENDOR

Diane Ball

STUDENT/SENIOR

Deborah Vosburg

ACWC GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **December 31, 2020.** The ACWC is now accepting applications for the following three grants:

BALUS GRANT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 10-12

This scholarship is made possible through the Balus Foundation and is awarded once each year to one or two high school students who wish to further their studies in the performing arts. The grant (up to \$500) may be used to help with summer music camp fees or ongoing lessons from a professional teacher or institution. Recipients of this scholarship are expected to perform at select ACWC events throughout the year, including the DEC Awards event that is held in March. The award is also presented at that time.

To apply for this grant, applicants must submit by email to acwcyouthgrants@artswyco.org:

- A brief statement addressing your reason for submitting the grant application
- A biography including your name and address (one page maximum)
- A digital photo of you with your instrument or performing (at least 300 DPI jpg)
- A letter of reference or support from your current or past music teacher
- An acceptance letter into the program in which you wish to participate or a copy of the program's application form
- All information except photos must be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft WORD document or plain text in the email. (Please do not send in Google Docs.)

The applicant must live in Wyoming County.

Application is open to any student attending public, private or home school.

RISING STAR SCHOLARSHIP

The ACWC Rising Star Scholarship is awarded annually to a current junior, senior, recently graduated college student or young artist up to age 30, who plans to produce and sell visual art as part of their future livelihood. The scholarship includes a free booth space at the Letchworth Arts and Crafts Show, publicity, and a solo exhibition at the ACWC's Main Gallery. NOTE: This award does not have a Wyoming County residency requirement.

To apply, applicants must submit the following by email to acwcyouthgrants@artswyco.org:

- A brief statement addressing your reason for submitting the grant application
- An artist's statement
- A brief biography including your name and address (one page maximum)
- A photo (at least 300 DPI jpg)
- A few images (up to 10) of current/past work
- All information except photos must be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft WORD document or plain text in the email. (Please do not send in Google Docs.)

Applicants will also be required to participate in an interview, including a portfolio/craft review.

ACWC & CREEKSIDE FABRICS VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for high school students in grades 9 - 12 and is made possible through a partnership between the ACWC and Creekside Fabrics of Arcade. It is awarded each year to one high school student who wishes to further his or her studies in visual arts: photography, fiber arts, ceramics, carpentry, drawing or painting.

Valued at \$500, the scholarship will take the form of a one year apprenticeship to a local master in fine arts or crafts, culminating with an exhibition of work produced under the master. The recipient of this scholarship would work with the master to learn techniques and skills to improve their knowledge and competence in the select field of discipline. The scholarship will be awarded in March during the ACWC annual Community Grants Awards night.

To apply for this grant, applicants must submit by email to acwcyouthgrants@artswyco.org:

- A brief statement addressing his or her reason for applying for the scholarship
- Biography including your name and address (one page maximum)
- A photo (at least 300 DPI jpg)
- Up to 10 digital images of work created
- A letter of reference or support from a current or past teacher
- All information except photos must be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft WORD document or plain text in the email. (Please do not send in Google Docs.)

The applicant must live in Wyoming County.

Application is open to any student attending public, private or home school.

For more information about any of these opportunities, please call the ACWC at (585) 237-3517.

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LOOKING FOR AN ARTS GRANT?

It is that time of year again! We are holding our Community Arts, Arts Education and Individual Arts Grants seminars via Zoom this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. If you do not have access to the Zoom platform, contact Linda Franke at the phone number below to set up a one-on-one meeting instead. The seminars are free, but you need to register to receive a link to the Zoom meeting. One meeting will be recorded and posted to the website after October 21. **All applications are due at the Arts Council on November 5 by 5 pm.** No exceptions!

We will continue to participate in three categories offered by the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Grant funding this year: Community Arts, which is art and/or music programming open to the public; Individual Artist, in which an artist or musician is funded to complete a project that will be shared with the community; and Arts Education, in which an artist or musician works with local public schools on a project to complement existing art and music education programming OR works with a group in the community such as a senior center or after school group to provide art or music education. If you are new to the grant writing process, these seminars are to help provide you with the information you need to succeed in the process. If you have completed this process before, we would still like to see you! There are a few changes and updates every year that may affect your application. Personalized help is also available if you have questions about your specific project, or if you just need help completing the application. You may ask for feedback on your application from Linda Franke, the Grants Coordinator, until October 23.

ACWC is excited that we will be offering the application online this year (the link is available on our website). You may still opt for a paper version if you need to, but the online version is very straightforward and easy to use. We have updated our guidelines for each category as well, and they are available on the ACWC website or at the gallery.

Please note: Due to COVID 19 restrictions, all Community Arts grant application seminars will be held via Zoom or one-on-one with the Grants Coordinator. Please contact Linda Franke at franke@artswyco.org or at (585) 237-3517 ext. 102 to set up an appointment or to get a link to attend one of the following scheduled Application Seminars:

- **August 31 at 1 pm**
- **September 10 at 10 am**
- **September 16 at 4 pm**
- **September 25 at 6 pm**
- **October 6 at noon**
- **October 21 at 6 pm**

This Decentralization Program is made possible in part with funds from 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.

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years teaching adults to paint. She said, "As life has changed and evolved, so has my art. I now paint mostly in watercolors and am inspired by the beauty of nature and by the friendships I have found at Sarah Phillips' art studio."

Although **Bonnie Leigh** was passionate about art in her younger years, she laid it aside to raise her family and recently returned to it after a loss. Bonnie says, "I work in water-soluble oil, watercolor and pencil. My work is of the things and people I love. It is my connection to them, to myself and now through art to wonderful friendships."

Lilly Thiell Milliman taught art at Fillmore Central School. After retirement she began taking classes with Sarah Phillips, who encouraged her to try different media. "When I tried alcohol ink I loved the brightness of the colors and the spontaneity of this process. I also enjoy working in watercolors and water-soluble oils and create calligraphy."

Join us for an exhibition reception at 31 S. Main St. in Perry or through the virtual livestream at 6:30pm on Friday, October 16. This event will be presented in accordance with social distancing guidelines. Face mask and responses to a COVID-19 related questionnaire by each attendee will be required. No refreshments will be served and we strongly urge everyone to RSVP before the dates of events so that attendance percentage capacity

ACWC BOOK RELEASE PARTY (continued from p. 1)

Andrew M. Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Council. It was awarded to produce an innovative art and agriculture multimedia program in Wyoming County. The work of ten ACWC member artists is featured in the book. Matching funding for the marketing of this project was made possible by the Wyoming Foundation, a division of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

As I See It is a coffee table book that chronicles painter Ted Wetherbee's significant body of work from young adulthood to the present.

Artists will be available to sign the books including Ted, who will sign both. Beautiful canvas tote bags will also be available for sale, but will be FREE with the purchase of any book. This event and all other live events will be presented in accordance with social distancing guidelines. Face mask and responses to a COVID-19 related questionnaire by each attendee will be required. No refreshments will be served and we strongly urge individuals to RSVP before the dates of events so that attendance percentage capacity mandate is honored and to minimize wait time outside the building.



From top: Work by artists Karen Barber, Lillie Thiell-Milliman, and Carol Corrigan.

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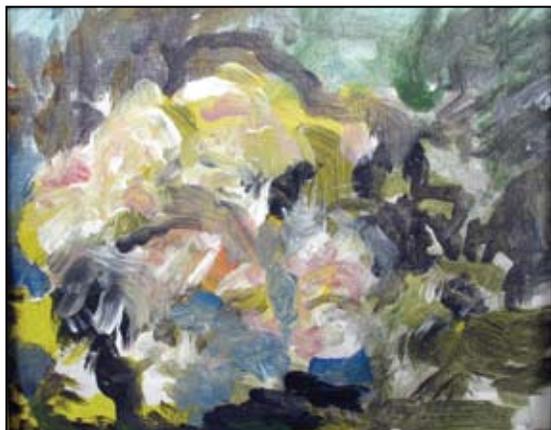
CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND THE MEMORY OF CHARLOTTE SMALLWOOD-COOK, ESQ.

The *2020 for the 19th Campaign* is raising funds to support the Charlotte House, a comfort care home created in memory of Warsaw attorney Charlotte Smallwood-Cook — a longtime ACWC member and the first WOMAN District Attorney in New York State! The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting American women the right to vote had been ratified on August 18, 1920, only 29 years before her election. Women have had the right to vote for 100 years as of August 18!

Just a few facts about Charlotte:

- In 1950 she became the first female elected District Attorney in New York State.
- Charlotte purchased the Augustus Frank House at 140 N. Main St. in Warsaw, where she built a flourishing law practice.
- Charlotte was a member of distinction of many Bar Associations: One of the first women Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers; Western New York Trial Lawyers Association; American Bar Foundation; New York State Bar Foundation and past President of the Wyoming County Bar Association.
- She was a member of the Committee on Character & Fitness and the NYS Bar Association House of Delegates.
- She was also the long-time Chairwoman of the Wyoming County Republican Committee.

The *2020 for the 19th Campaign* is asking all women who appreciate their rights, including the right to vote, (AND, of course all the men who also support women's rights!) to send Charlotte House a donation of \$20.20 in celebration of Charlotte and 100 years of women's rights.



Above: Charlotte Smallwood-Cook was also a talented painter and a longtime member of the ACWC. The above untitled painting was exhibited in a recent ACWC Local Color Exhibition.

ARCADE'S MOVIE STAR

Actress Gladys Hulette, who was born in Arcade, New York, is the leading lady of the classic movie *Tol'able David*, to be shown on November 12, at 7 pm in the screening room of the ACWC.

Born on July 21, 1896, Gladys' parents were both actors: Frances Iverson and Frank Hulette who had kin in Wyoming County, the Hulette family that published the *Arcade Leader*.

Young Gladys soon followed in her parents' footsteps, making her stage debut at age three. Educated by private tutors, she later said that "the theater was my kindergarten." By 1906, she was appearing on Broadway and in 1908, made her first movie appearance. She would maintain a busy film acting career throughout the 1920s, appearing in such distinguished films as John Ford's epic, *The Iron Horse*.

She's best remembered for the film drama *Tol'able David* which was released in 1921. It was both a commercial and critical success. Poet Carl Sandburg hailed the picture as a "masterpiece."

Based on the novel by Joseph Hergesheimer and directed by Henry King, *Tol'able David* is a beautiful slice of rural Americana, about a mild-mannered boy (Richard Barthelmess) forced by circumstances to take over his brother's U.S. mail route—and deal with a trio of marauding criminals who've moved into the community.

Touching and often thrilling, the success of the film made Barthelmess a big star. Hulette's sensitive performance as David's sweetheart was praised as one of the year's best, and contributed to the continuing regard of *Tol'able David* as a screen classic. In 2007, it was named to the Library of Congress National Film Registry.



ACWC'S HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR 2020

Looking for a great place to do some holiday shopping? Try the ACWC Artisan Fair! Local artists will be selling beautiful handmade gifts such as pottery, hand woven and knitted items, hand painted gifts, and more so you are sure to find the perfect gift for those on your holiday list. "This fair celebrates our local artisans and their fabulous work, making it a great way to support local artists and get some great gifts, too," says Linda Franke, event coordinator. "We will have to make some adaptations this year due to COVID, but it will still be a fun and relaxing way to get in some of your holiday shopping!"

The Artisan Fair will be open this year at the ACWC gallery on December 5, from 10am to 4pm. To meet COVID requirements, the fair will be held in a boutique style. Shoppers will need to register for a time slot for the event by contacting Linda Franke at franke@artswyco.org or (585) 237-3517 ext. 102. This will limit the number of shoppers at any one time and gives shoppers space to browse without bumping elbows! All participants (vendors and shoppers) will need to wear a mask at all times while in the building. Hand sanitizer will be provided and masks will be available for those that do not have their own.

Again, to register for a time slot contact Linda Franke at franke@artswyco.org or (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.

NOTE: ALL ACWC AND COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS EVENTS ARE LISTED IN **BOLD TYPE**

SEPTEMBER

- 2 • ACWC Reopens!** Visit 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 3 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7pm. ACWC's East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St., Perry.
- 5 • Summer Saturdays Arts Series at Perry Farmers' Market:** *Autumn's Harvest* featuring Steve West performing blues and unique interpretations of musical favorites from 10am—noon. Also English paper piecing with Sarah Ballinger.
- 10 • Community Arts, Arts Education and Individual Arts Grants Seminar** via Zoom at 10am. The seminar is free, but you need to register to receive a link to the Zoom meeting. Contact Linda Franke at franke@artswyco.org or (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
- 10 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 11 • In Memory of Sarah:** A day of memories including an exhibition in honor of artist Sarah Hoepfner from 11am to 6pm. A short reception will be held live and streamed through Facebook at 6:30pm – 7pm. Artists will have an opportunity to share memories of Sarah publicly during this time. ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 12 • Summer Saturdays Arts Series at Perry Farmers' Market:** *Changing Seasons* with Allen Hopkins performing traditional music on many instruments from 10am—noon.
- 16 • Community Arts, Arts Education and Individual Arts Grants Seminar** via Zoom at 4pm. The seminar is free, but you need to register to receive a link to the Zoom meeting. Contact Linda Franke at franke@artswyco.org or (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
- 17 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7pm. ACWC's East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St., Perry.
- 19 • Summer Saturdays Arts Series at Perry Farmers' Market:** *Chester A. Arthur Day* with Sarah Eide and Daniel Hosh performing a mix of well-loved covers and original music from 10am—noon.
- 24 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 25 • Community Arts, Arts Education and Individual Arts Grants Seminar** via Zoom at 6 pm. The seminar is free, but you need to register to receive a link to the Zoom meeting. Contact Linda Franke at franke@artswyco.org or (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
- 25 • New York State Puppet Festival@Home presents *Bill's 44th Zoom Birthday Party* at 7pm streaming via Zoom. More info will be available at newyorkstatepuppetfestival.org.
- 26 • Summer Saturdays Arts Series at Perry Farmers' Market:** *Fall Fling Market Closing Day - Folk O' the Road* performs traditional American music from 10am—noon; plus pumpkin carving.
- 26 • Book Release Party** from 11am—1pm. Celebrate two books produced by the ACWC: *Our Farms, Our Families* and Ted Wetherbee's *As I See It*. Books will be available for purchase. This event will be presented in accordance with social distancing guidelines. Face mask and responses to COVID-19 related questionnaire by each attendee will be required. No refreshments will be served. Individuals are strongly urged to RSVP. ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 27 • New York State Puppet Festival@Home presents *Bill's 44th*

Zoom Birthday Party at 7pm streaming via Zoom. More info will be available at newyorkstatepuppetfestival.org.

OCTOBER

- 1 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7pm. ACWC's East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 6 • Community Arts, Arts Education and Individual Arts Grants Seminar** via Zoom at noon. The seminar is free, but you need to register to receive a link to the Zoom meeting. Contact Linda Franke at franke@artswyco.org or (585) 237-3517 ext. 102.
- 8 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7pm. ACWC's East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 15 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7pm. ACWC's East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St., Perry.
- 16 • Art & Friendship** exhibition opens in the ACWC's Main Gallery at 6:30pm. Join us in person for the reception at 31 Main St., Perry or through the virtual livestream. This event will be presented in accordance with social distancing guidelines. Face mask and responses to COVID-19 related questionnaire by each attendee will be required. No refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by October 14. (585) 237-3517.
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NOVEMBER

- 1 • GLOW Traditions** presents a celebration of the Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead). Information available at www.GOART.org
- 5 • Deadline for ALL Community Arts Grant Applications** - Must be submitted by 5 pm at the ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 5 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 12 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7 pm. ACWC's East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St., Perry.
- 19 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** Free at 7 pm. ACWC, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517.
- 26 • The ACWC Classic Film Series:** No program.



Above: Steve West and Sarah Ballinger will be the featured artists at the Perry Farmers' Market Summer Saturdays Arts Series on September 5.

localCOLOR • 2021 *a call for art*

ACWC members and artists (high school age and older) are invited to submit two pieces of two or three dimensional art for our 2021 annual members' exhibition, *Local Color*. Work should be dropped off during regular gallery hours at the ACWC Gallery in Perry between December 12–19, 2020 OR on January 2, 2021. All submissions must be properly prepared for display. Two dimensional works must be framed and wired in the back. Typed label information should include title, media, and if for sale, price of work. This must be submitted at the time work is dropped off OR preferably emailed to exhibit@artswyco.org. There is a 20% commission to the ACWC from sale of work. Artists are encouraged to send a digital image of the submitted work to be considered for publicity materials. Artists may also wish to include a very brief artist's statement and a very brief reflection on the 2020 theme, "Broken," and how it relates to the piece submitted. Participating artists will have an opportunity to receive any of the following cash awards, which will be presented at the closing reception in February:

- **Best of Show** with specific focus on the 2021 theme, "Broken"
- **People's Choice**
- **ACWC President's Choice**

GLOW TRADITIONS NEWS

By Karen Canning

GLOW Traditions will present a celebration of the Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) on November 1, 2020, a Mexican holiday to honor ancestors. The event will be a combination of virtual and live presentations drawing from community members across our 4-county region. You'll have a chance to learn about the creation of ofrendas like the one pictured here, as well as special foods, customs and arts associated with the celebration. Enter into another way to remember loved ones, especially in this time of national challenges and loss. Stay tuned to our website and emails regarding specific schedules of demonstrations and performances.

Right: A traditional ofrenda (or offering) takes the form of an altar dedicated to loved ones who have passed on. It often contains bright flowers, candles, incense and favorite food, drinks, mementos or photos of the deceased, to welcome their spirits who are believed to visit for a day.

SHAKE ON THE LAKE & PUPPET FESTIVAL UPDATES

The Puppet Pod! was launched in an effort to create online programming in the face of the pandemic that postponed the 2020 New York State Puppet Festival. The podcast is about the niche world of puppetry, particularly the world of contemporary puppetry for adults. Join host/puppeteer/human Josh Rice, along with co-host, Sara Stabley, FREE at thepuppetpod.com or on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/3IgTNg71g2feXFd7UvyNQw?si=L4u7ZkTeTt-FG79IESKgjQ>

New York State Puppet Festival@Home presents *Bill's 44th Zoom Birthday Party* on Friday 9/25 and Saturday 9/26 at 7pm streaming via Zoom. In October, performances by puppet artist Jeghetto will also stream live. More info will be available at shakeonthelake.org and newyorkstatepuppetfestival.org

Shake on the Lake presents *The Othello Project* with dates and times coming soon. In response to the murder of George Floyd and the national reckoning with racism and white supremacy, Shake on the Lake's ensemble of artists is working on a project to respond to the moment through the lens of one of Shakespeare's most fraught plays—*Othello*. Streaming performances are TBD.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Canyon Camera Club is one of twenty clubs from western New York, Erie PA, and southern Ontario that make up the Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Club (NFRCC). The NFRCC is partnering with Hunt's Photo & Video to provide a series of eleven live photographic webinars for members and others interested in improving their photographic skills. Eight programs are by prominent photographers covering a wide variety of topics and the others are: *Mirrorless vs DSLR*, *Data Colour Management*, and *Filters*. These programs are scheduled from September 2020 to August 2021. A complete listing and registration information is available at www.nfrcc.org. Cost of the entire series is: members, \$45 CDN or non-members, \$55 CDN. Individual programs are available at: \$10. CDN for members or \$12 CDN for non-members. This is a bargain not to be missed!

Anyone interested in joining the Canyon Camera Club should contact president Joan Schumaker at (585) 490-3302. Canyon will not be holding regular meetings at the ACWC until perhaps Spring 2021. The Canyon schedule of remote programs for Fall 2020 will be available on www.nfrcc.org.



FIBER CORNER *by Linda Franke*

The fiber arts industry has experienced a bit of a boost lately, a (small) silver lining in the COVID cloud we have been experiencing this year. Lots of people have picked up a hook or fabric or needles and started a new project or finished one of those Works In Progress. The trends for the fall this year stay right on that track and are all about keeping it cozy. Neutral colors, soft blues and seafoam greens with the occasional gold or brick red seem in keeping with the laid back style many of us have adopted while working from home. Circular yokes are still popular, but with less colorwork and more lace or other special stitching in the neck. There are also a lot of cables and raglan sleeves, perfect for reading by the fire or taking a long walk outside. Comfort is the word of the day!

I think many of us are craving a bit of “cozy” right now, a little bit of comfort in the uncertainty of this year. Even our clothes trends are reflecting this! I hope that you are able to find your fiber connection to coziness, whether that means cuddling up in a sweater your mom made you or making a quilt for a friend. Take care.

2020 LETCHWORTH SHOW CANCELED • *from page 1*

As one of the top 100 classic art festivals in the USA, this event has attracted a large audience as it is considered to be a prime family friendly destination. Attendees are exposed to the creativity of some of the country’s finest visual artists, crafts people, artisans, as well as a vast array of traditional and unique foods. The stunning venue is a key component that sets this festival apart from all others. The ambience created by spectacular canyon views and peak fall foliage throughout the park is unparalleled. The festival could be considered the premiere holiday shopping opportunity for the tens of thousands of people who attend each year. Individuals can choose from some of the best pottery, paintings, quilts, fiber arts, hand-crafted jewelry, photography, furniture, decorative painting, dried floral arrangements, packaged specialty foods, and so much more. Over 300 artisans display their wares, along with food vendors, live entertainment, and other fun activities for the entire family.

This year, the organization was especially looking forward to celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the festival, and had plans to roll out a new recognition for select artisans. But based on the regulations and recommendations from NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo, the CDC, concerns from the Letchworth State Park administration, and the State Park Police, it was determined that the well-being of all involved had to be the number one priority.

“We realize the magnitude of this decision and its impact on the public, the artisans, other vendors, Letchworth State Park, as well as the ACWC,” said Gary Buchholz, President of the ACWC. “It would not be possible to follow or enforce social distancing guidelines. Neither the State Park nor the ACWC has the capacity to fulfill all the mandates.”

The good news is that the ACWC will provide an opportunity through its website for the public to shop with artisans who already have an online presence. The link to the artisans will be available starting on the weekend that LACS would have been held (Columbus Day Weekend: October 10, 11, and 12), and will continue to be accessible through the end of 2020.

We are making a public plea to everyone who can, to please support our artisans during this difficult time. “We invite you to make plans now with friends and family members to have a special LACS online shopping party by visiting our website (www.artswyco.org) during that weekend; it will be the door to many of the artisans’ websites. You will find that special and unique product that will never be found on a retail store shelf.” Information on the artisans’ online links to the ACWC’s website will be updated as the information becomes available.



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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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