

FIRST INVERSION CONCERT AT ST. ISADORE IN PERRY

The ACWC is thrilled to bring First Inversion back to Wyoming County on September 22, to perform its fifth annual *Holding on Through Song* spirituals concert.

This concert should not be missed, as a previous concert was described as, “A gut-wrenching, educational, and emotional performance that truly rang out to the heavens and called down the Ancestors” (Amanda Chestnut, *CITY Newspaper*, 2018). The performance may in some small way provide an opportunity for our Wyoming County community to reconnect with its history and the role it had in helping to make a change for good.

First Inversion brings together both professional and avocational singers from Greater Rochester with the goal of true personal and musical growth through a focus on selfless and fearless musical expression.

The public is invited to see First Inversion under the leadership of artistic director and conductor Lee Wright perform at 7:30 pm in the historic St. Isidore Catholic Church, located at 71 Leicester Street in Perry. This concert is FREE and open to all ages with an optional donation at the door.



FIVE STAR BANK BECOMES THE FIRST MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE HISTORIC LETCHWORTH ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW & SALE IN 2023, TO BE HELD OCTOBER 7-9 IN PERRY VILLAGE PARK!

The ACWC will present the 47th Annual Letchworth Arts and Crafts Show & Sale (LACS) in the Perry Village Park during the October 7–9 holiday weekend. As one of the USA’s top 50 classic arts and crafts festivals, this show continues to attract a large audience. It is considered a prime family-friendly destination with significantly improved accessibility for shoppers in wheelchairs or using walkers.

This beautiful tree-filled park features a nicely paved oval path for effortless shopping and easy access to most of our arts and food artisans.

The intimate space also offers features such as a lovely pond that is a picturesque space for relaxing while listening to the sound of the water fountain or enjoying a delicious meal from any of the many food offerings available to sample. This year’s new attractions include a wine and beer tasting tent, Corning Museum of Glass demonstration, and artists’ demonstrations, including fiber, pottery, caricatures, and more.

The ACWC and its event partners, the Perry Firemen and Perry Rotary Club, have been busy all year preparing to give our artisans and shoppers a fantastic experience this holiday weekend. As always, LACS can be considered the premiere holiday shopping opportunity for you, your friends, and your family. Choose from some of the best pottery, paintings, fiber arts, handcrafted jewelry, photography, furniture, decorative painting, dried floral arrangements, packaged specialty foods, and more. Over 200 artisans’ displays, food vendors, live entertainment, and other fun activities are available for the entire family.

So, make plans now to visit the Perry Village Park on October 7, 8, and 9, to enjoy the creativity of some of the country’s finest visual and performing artists, artisans, and craftspeople, as well as a vast array of traditional and unique foods.

We are thrilled to welcome the public back to Perry this year. Not only is it a centrally located village near national and regional attractions, it’s a beautiful tree-filled community that captures the charm and beauty of autumn in the Genesee Valley region. Main Street is a hub of unique shops and eateries where you will find world-class, top-notch customer service. We make it easy for you to shop at the festival and on our Main Street with a round-the-clock shuttle service between both places, which is included in your \$10 parking fee.

ACWC continues to prioritize the safety of our artisans and attendees at the highest level with a plan that the Perry Police Department will administer.

The ACWC and its presenting partners wish to acknowledge and thank our major sponsor, Five Star Bank, and the many other sponsors who have contributed significantly to making this event possible. Please see the list of all our sponsors on page 2.

We can’t wait for you to have some FALL FUN with us in Perry on October 7–9!



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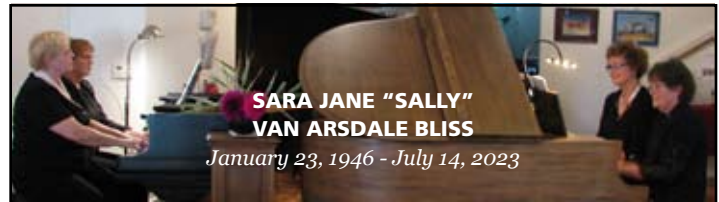
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It is with deep sadness that the ACWC acknowledges the passing of lifelong ACWC member and one of the original Twin Piano Concert pianists, Sally Bliss. On Friday, July 28, over 60 individuals attended the ACWC's 2023 Twin Piano Concert that was dedicated to her.

For ten years, Sally performed in the four hands piano concerts that were included with the ACWC's annual programs. She was one of the original pianists who was totally committed to the project until the program ended.

The ACWC is deeply grateful to have been named a memorial recipient in honor of Sally. All memorial donations received will go towards our Twin Piano preservation fund.

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Sally Bliss
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C. EDWARD VANZANDT

The ACWC Arts Council for Wyoming County offers condolences to the family of long-time ACWC member, C. Edward VanZandt.



Ed was a retired Letchworth Central School music teacher and life-long trumpet player in several local and regional bands. A most fitting way for us to honor Ed would be to brush off those instruments sitting in our closets and begin to play again!

ACWC'S GALA & AUCTION

Save the date! The Arts Council for Wyoming County Gala Fundraiser and Auction will be held Saturday, November 11, at the East Hill Creamery located at 346 S. Main St. in Perry.

This ticketed event will feature music along with basket, silent, and live auctions of artwork, merchandise, gift cards, and services generously donated by the Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show & Sale artisans and local businesses.

The event's proceeds will support many of our youth programs, including two annual all-county art exhibitions, summer youth art camp, and much more.

Reserve your \$25 ticket early as space is limited. The ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, desserts, one drink, your auction ticket, and an opportunity for a door prize. A cash bar will be included in the evening's activities. Doors open at 5 pm. Tickets may be purchased on the ACWC website or by calling (585) 237-3517.

MORE COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS AWARDED

The results are in for Round 3 of our Community Arts Grants program in Wyoming County! Many thanks to everyone involved in making our regrant funding happen this year.

- **Arcade Chamber of Commerce:** Shake on the Lake performance
- **Castile Historical Society:** Rewriting and public reading of Mary Jemison play
- **Brick Presbyterian Church:** Concerts at the Brick
- **Pike Library:** Community Arts programming
- **Sarah Bass, Individual Artist:** Augmented Reality Portraits

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Arts Council for Wyoming County.

THANKS TO OUR RETIRING BOARD OFFICERS

A special thank you to ACWC's President and Vice President who both retired from the board at the time of our Annual Meeting in June.



- **Gary Buchholz** - President (pictured)
- **Gary Meixner** - Vice President

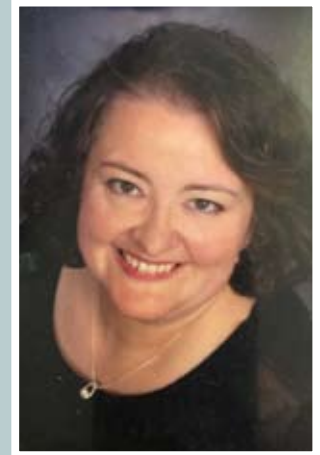
The ACWC staff, board members, and membership thank them for their past years of service, dedication, and leadership to the organization.

THANK YOU, LINDA FRANKE!

The ACWC staff members and Board of Directors are sad to say goodbye to our staff member, Linda Franke. Linda served the ACWC in many capacities, including the Coordinator for Grants and Educational Outreach, Rural and Traditional Arts Fellowship, Artisan Fair, and the Fiber Flurry Festival.

Linda will continue to serve the ACWC and community through special projects like Woolly Wonders and the Rural and Traditional Arts Fellowship as our grant funding dictates.

The skills and knowledge Linda brought to the ACWC were invaluable, and the work she did for the ACWC has had, and will continue to have, an immense and profound impact on the organization.



CLASSIC FILMS RETURN TO ACWC



It's back! The long-running Classic Film Series on Thursdays at 7 pm at the Arts Council for Wyoming County will present films from Kyle Adamczak's extensive collection. Start with the musical *Singin' in the Rain* on September 7, Charlie Chaplin's *Modern Times* on September 14, and a screening of a rare silent movie from the *Pioneers: First Women Filmmakers* on September 28. Look for more movie screenings and news on Instagram at @watchingkylesoldmovies.

GLOW CREATIVES WILL CLOSE OUT THE ACWC'S 2023 EXHIBITION SERIES

The ACWC Main Gallery will feature the work of the ten GLOW Creatives artists with an interactive opening reception on Friday, October 20, at 6:30 pm. This exhibition will feature multimedia, including drawing and painting, videography, and sculpture.

The GLOW Creatives is a group of artists working together to engage rural communities by bringing art to the people, with funding assistance from Creatives Rebuild New York.

Funding for this program was made possible by the Mellon Foundation.

The public is invited to join us for the opening reception at 6:30 pm on Friday, October 20. Remember that visits to our gallery are FREE but the experience is priceless.



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

SEPTEMBER

- 2 • Summer Saturdays Arts Series at Perry Farmers' Market:** *Bounty Of The Market* featuring Lauren Faggiano and Daniel Hoh performing memorable folk and blues from 10 am–12:15 pm. Also, English paper piecing demo and Paul Thomas of Pit's Pots at the potting wheel.
- 2 • End of Season Concert:** 7 pm Epworth Hall, Silver Lake Institute.
- 3 • Craft and Yard Sale:** 10 am to 3 pm on the Greenway (along the waterfront), Silver Lake Institute. Also featured artist Nancy Martin Mathews at Hoag Gallery.
- 7 • ACWC's Classic Film Screening:** *Singin' in the Rain*. Free at 7 pm in the ACWC's East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517. Details on Instagram @watchingkylesoldmovies
- 8 • Opening Reception for the Batik Quilts Exhibition** by the For the Love of Hexies Club. 6–8 pm in the ACWC's Upstairs Gallery, 31 S. Main St. in Perry. (585) 237-3517
- 9 • Summer Saturdays Arts Series at Perry Farmers' Market:** *Changing Seasons* with Warren Paul performing popular and original songs on guitar and harmonica from 10 am–12:15 pm. Also local painter and chalk artist, Dan Butler.
- 9 • Leatherwork Medallion** with Clifford Redeye: 5 pm at the Cuba Library, limited to 10 teens and adults. To register, call (585) 968-1668.
- 14 • ACWC's Classic Film Screening:** Charlie Chaplin's *Modern Times*. Free at 7 pm in the ACWC's East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517. Instagram @watchingkylesoldmovies
- 14 • Bilingual Story Hour and Art:** 1 pm at the Wyoming Free Library, 114 Academy St., Wyoming, NY 14591. Info: (585) 495-6840.
- 16 • Summer Saturdays Arts Series at Perry Farmers' Market:** *Foot Stomping Saturday* with Rob Falgiano performing lyrical originals and guitar from 10 am–12:15 pm.
- 18 • Painting with Acrylics** with Penelope Minner: 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Cuba Library, limited to 10 teens and adults. Contact the library at (585) 968-1668 with questions and to register.
- 18 • Discovering Artists and Drawing for Teens and Adults:** 6 pm at Wyoming Free Library, 114 S. Academy St., Wyoming, NY 14591. Contact the library at (585) 495-6840 with questions.
- 20 • Fall into Art:** 6–7 pm at Perry Public Library. Glass Fusion with Jill Rossborough. Registration will be available through their website or by calling the library at (585) 237-2243.
- 22 • First Inversion Concert: *Holding on Through Song*.** 7:30 pm at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 71 Leicester St., Perry. Admission is FREE and open to all ages with an optional donation at the door.
- 23 • Summer Saturdays Arts Series at Perry Farmers' Market:** *Chester A. Arthur Day* with traditional American music performed by Folk o' the Road from 10 am–12:15 pm. Also 21st President-themed activities and painter and chalk artist, Dan Butler.
- 28 • ACWC's Classic Film Screening:** *Pioneers: First Women Filmmakers*. Free at 7 pm in the ACWC's East Indian Screening Room, 31 S. Main St., Perry. (585) 237-3517. Instagram @watchingkylesoldmovies
- 30 • Summer Saturdays Arts Series at Perry Farmers' Market:** *Fall Fling Market Closing Day*. Johnny Bauer Duo will be covering all music bases with vocals and guitar from 10 am–12:15 pm.

OCTOBER

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- 6 • Opening Reception for *Identity Crisis*,** an exhibit of Photographic and Artificial Intelligence portraits by Sarah Bass. Silver Lake Brewing Project, 14 Borden Ave. in Perry, from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- 7, 8 & 9 • 47th Annual Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show & Sale:** Hosting artists & artisans from throughout the country at Perry Village Park. Info: (585) 237-3517 or www.artswyco.org.
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- 23 • Haudenosaunee Antler Carving Lecture** with Hayden Hayes: 6 pm at the Cuba Library, all ages. Contact the library at (585) 968-1668 with questions and to register.
- 26 • Creek Bend Band:** 7 – 9 pm at David A. Howe Library, 155 North Main Street, Wellsville, NY 14895. Contact the library at (585) 593-3410 with questions.
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- 2 • *Stories That Cook*** exhibit featuring recipes and artwork created by farmworkers and their families through November 18. Genesee Valley Council on the Arts. Info: gvartscouncil.org
- 4 • Beginning Square Dance class:** 11 am–12 pm at the Livingston County Campus Auditorium in Mt. Morris. Info: gvartscouncil.org
- 4 • Square Dance** with Kelly's Old Timers: 7-10 pm at the Warsaw Moose Lodge, 13 Frank St., Warsaw. Info: gvartscouncil.org
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The Arts Council for Wyoming County presents



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 • 7:30 PM

FREE concert at St. Isidore, 71 Leicester St., Perry, NY 14530

BATIK QUILTS ON EXHIBIT AT ACWC IN SEPTEMBER

The ACWC is pleased to showcase the For the Love of Hexies Club biennial quilt exhibit featuring Batik Quilts during the month of September in our upstairs Main Street Gallery. The opening reception will be held on Friday, September 8, at 6:00 pm.

Batik fabrics are made with a labor-intensive Indonesian technique of wax-resist dyeing. For large production purposes, designs are applied using “chops” made of copper, but designs can also be applied using screen printing, hand drawing using a canting tool, or tie-dye. After a fabric is washed and dried, it is block printed using the chop dipped in melted wax. The waxed designs act as a resist while the fabric is dyed. The process can be repeated by adding further wax designs and another dye bath until eventually the wax is removed by boiling the fabric. The dye colors are always vibrant, and the entire handmade fabric is nearly identical from front to back.

The public is invited to the opening reception between 6–8 pm on Friday, September 8, where members of the club will be available to talk about their quilts and English paper piecing.

For the Love of Hexies meets on the first Friday of each month, from 6–8 pm, at the Quilter’s Daughter in Perry Center. New members are always welcome and instruction is available for novices. Meeting information can be found at <http://atthequiltersdaughter.blogspot.com/>



Pictured above: A batik quilt by Sarah Bollinger

GLOW TRADITIONS NEWS ~ Karen Canning, GLOW Traditions Director

DANCE WITH KELLY’S OLD TIMERS: *Saturday, November 4, 7–10 pm, Warsaw Moose Lodge, 13 Frank St., Warsaw*

Come see and hear what Elise Kelly has been working on during her apprenticeship in square dance calling this year! We’ll have a chance to hear a bit from Doug, Eric, and Elise Kelly about the process of teaching and learning how to call, and then hear Elise lead us all in some squares. No experience is necessary as Elise will be happy to teach the basics. Bring your family and friends to the Warsaw Moose Hall, the site of numerous Snow Balls with the Kellys over the years.

If you’d like to brush up on your moves (or learn them for the first time), you can also sign up for Beginning Square Dance class, Saturday, November 4 and 11, 11 am–12 pm, at the Livingston County Campus Auditorium in Mt. Morris. Cost is \$15/member, \$20/non-member; groups (up to 4) \$40/member, \$50/nonmember, inclusive of both sessions. Info: <https://gvartscouncil.org/>

TRADITIONAL ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS

Thanks to a grant from the Conable Foundation, we are supporting traditional arts presentations and artist visits in a pilot program at Warsaw Central School this fall. Art teacher Holly Hosmer and artists Linda Franke and Elise Kelly attended a workshop in July sponsored by Local Learning, the National Network for Folk Arts in Education. Entitled *Culture, Community, and the Classroom*, the workshop brings educators and tradition bearers together to learn how to incorporate our regional arts and culture into any classroom curriculum. We are excited to see what happens as the team weaves music, dance, and fiber arts into elementary students’ art and music classes in the new school year.



STORIES THAT COOK EXHIBIT & PRESENTATIONS

We’re excited to approach the culmination of our project to collect stories and recipes from farmworkers and farmers in the region, and share them in an illustrated cookbook featuring art from the Creative Artists Migrant Program Services (CAMPS) participants. Activities include:

- **Exhibit:** *November 2 – November 18 at the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts*
This will feature artwork from the project created by farmworkers and families, with presales of the cookbook available.

- **Dish with the Artists Programs**

Presented in November, these will include demo-classes in Mexican cooking techniques that will take you to a new level of food creation and enjoyment. An artist instructor with the CAMPS program will also offer a still life/foods drawing class for everyone from beginners to pros, so you can add colorful creations to your own family recipe files. Information: <https://gvartscouncil.org/>

At left: Artwork for the *Stories That Cook* cookbook, created by Allison at the Sodas migrant education summer program, 2022.

SARAH BASS EXHIBIT: *Identity Crisis*

An exhibit of Photographic and Artificial Intelligence portraits by Sarah Bass will be on display at the Silver Lake Brewing Project at 14 Borden Ave. in Perry from October 4–November 4. An opening reception will be held on Friday, October 6, from 6–8 pm.

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of NYSICA with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Arts Council for Wyoming County.

2024 ACWC GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG ARTISTS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **December 31, 2023**. The ACWC is now accepting applications for the following four grants:

ACWC PERFORMANCE GRANT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 10—12

This scholarship is awarded yearly to only one high school student who wishes to further their studies in the performing arts. (All disciplines accepted: voice, instrument, dance, speaking, acting, musical theatre, stand-up, etc.) 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 give a recital at the end of the year and possibly at select ACWC events throughout the year, including the Community Arts Grants Awards Ceremony that is held in March, where this award is usually presented.

To apply, applicants must submit the following 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/drama teacher
- An acceptance letter into the program in which you wish to participate or a copy of the program's application form. (The letter from a current professional instructor and credentials can be substituted for this requirement.)

All information except photos must be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft WORD document. (No Google Docs please!) Application is open to students attending public, private, or homeschool, but must live in Wyoming County.

ACWC YOUTH VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for high school students in grades 10 - 12. 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 \$900, the scholarship is 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 his/her knowledge and competence in the select field of discipline. The scholarship is usually presented at the ACWC's Annual Community Arts Grants Awards ceremony held in March.

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

- A brief statement addressing your reason for applying for the scholarship
- Biography including your name and address (one page maximum)
- A photo/headshot (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. (No Google Docs please!) Application is open to students attending public, private, or homeschool, but must live in Wyoming County.

RISING STAR SCHOLARSHIP

The ACWC Rising Star Scholarship is awarded annually to a college student, graduate, or aspiring young artist up to the age of 30. Priority will be given to artists who plan to produce and sell visual art as part of their future livelihood. The scholarship includes a booth space at the Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show & Sale®, publicity, and a solo exhibition at the ACWC's Main Gallery.

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 of you working in your studio or class, or a headshot (at least 300 DPI jpg)
- Up to 10 images of current/past work

All information except photos must be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft WORD document. (No Google Docs please!)

Applicants may be required to participate in an interview, which would include a portfolio review. The award is usually presented at the ACWC's Annual Community Arts Grants Awards ceremony held in March. This award does NOT have a Wyoming County residency requirement.

DOUGLAS & RYAN MCDANEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Adult artists are invited to submit proposals to be selected for the ACWC's 2024 Douglas & Ryan McDanel Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established to honor these two artists' memory and art contribution to Wyoming County and the greater GLOW region. Five hundred dollars will be awarded to one adult visual artist who has continually created work over the past five years. The award will be determined by how well the artist's work and proposal reflect Doug's and Ryan's art process or philosophy:

Ryan said: "I work with steel and am alive during the entire creative development of a piece... I very rarely take the objects that I make seriously, but I do take my art making very seriously."

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FIBER CORNER

by

Linda Franke

I was listening to Long Thread Media's podcast the other day and the guest speaker was Sarah Swett, listed as "fiber artist and adventurer." She was talking about her rather convoluted path to becoming a fiber artist. I could relate to this, as my own path has included stints as a private and public school teacher, caterer, state park guide, museum conservationist assistant, medical practice efficiency consultant and researcher, and college professor. She talked a lot about how all the seemingly unrelated jobs had led to the development of her work, helping her to find her style. I also love that she is so unafraid to try new things, maybe because of her unique and interesting history. I would like to think that all the careers I have tried on to date have led me to a unique and interesting place in my artwork and in my life. As I am writing this, tomorrow is my last day at ACWC. It has been an incredible journey with all of you and I am honored and grateful to have been a part of your lives for a time. Thank you – you have helped me to take on the role of fiber artist and adventurer as well. Here's to our next steps!

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Doug was very introspective with his work. He enjoyed creating work in solitude. Both his paintings and sculptures reflect a passion for esthetic beauty and simplicity that evokes deep thought and contemplation for the observer.

The scholarship fund may be used to create new work or pay for an artist residency or retreat. A simple photo journal report will be required to document the purpose for which the funds were used.

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

- Brief bio or artist statement including name, address, age, and phone number
- Proposal on the scope of the project/what you hope to create or study with the funds
- 10 images of work created within the last two years. Images should be at least 300 DPI

All information except photos must be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft Word document. (No Google Docs please!) This opportunity is open to artists living in Wyoming County or members of the ACWC.

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact Jacqueline Swaby at (585) 237-3517 ext. 100.

LOCAL COLOR 24: CALLING ALL MEMBER ARTISTS

ACWC member artists (high school age and older) are invited to submit two pieces of two or three-dimensional art (no installations can be accepted for this exhibition) for our 2024 Annual Members' Exhibition, Local Color. This year's theme is *Different!*

Work should be dropped off during regular gallery hours at the ACWC Gallery in Perry between January 3 and 6, 2024. All submissions must be properly prepared for display. Two-dimensional works must either be framed, presented on stretched canvas, or mounted and wired in the back. Typed label information should include title, media, and price or value if not for sale. This must be submitted when work is dropped off or emailed to exhibit@artswyco.org. There is a 20% commission to the ACWC from the sale of work.

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 2024 theme: *Different!*
- People's Choice
- ACWC President's Choice

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