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CURRENT & UPCOMING SHOWS

Floral Fantasies

Art In-Take:

Apr. 17 - Apr. 18, 4pm-6pm

Opening Reception:

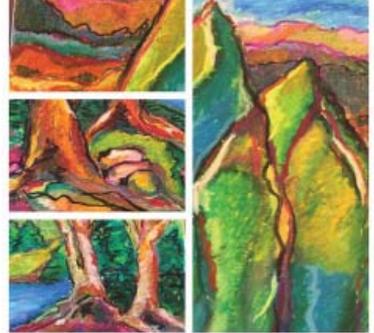
Fri., Apr. 22, 5pm-7pm

Show runs:

Apr. 21 - May 29 (gallery hours)

York Art Association Gallery

Flowers from the garden or from the imagination. From bud to bloom, in garden settings or displayed in arrangements. Garden scenes, garden paths, garden views, all provide inspiration.



Colorful Woodlands by Aimee Timmins

Just Us Chickens

Artist Reception:

Fri., Apr. 1, 4-7pm

Show runs:

Fri., Apr. 1 - Sat., Apr. 30

Please call for gallery hours

York Art Association member, Jim Chlebecek follows in the long history of Bohemian glassmaking. He takes inspiration from both traditional Venetian and European glassmakers, as well as artists of the modern American Studio Glass Movement. Jim's work will be on display at Just Us Chickens in Kittery from April 1 - 30. Join Jim and Just Us Chickens on Friday, April 1 from 4-7pm for an Artist Reception.



Blown glass by Jim Chlebecek

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CALL FOR ART

Submit to the Gift Shop

Saturday, April 2, 9am-10am

At the YAA Gallery

Do you have small art that is priced below \$100? We want your work in our Gift Shop! Please reach out to us to request a meeting to discuss what we are looking for in the Gift Shop. Great ideas for the shop include seasonal offerings, and inspirations for life along the beach.

Corrine Gilman, our new Gift Shop Team Leader is also looking for volunteers to help with sales, cleaning, and tagging of items in the shop. You can reach out directly to Corrine at twofishes@me.com



Hand painted beach bags available in the YAA Gift Shop

SPECIAL EVENTS

Photography Exchange

Saturday, April 2, 9am-10am

At the YAA Gallery

You won't want to miss Linda Payne-Sylvester's session: Simple Solutions to Studio Lighting. Linda will review natural and artificial lighting including demos with reflected, diffused and dramatic lighting - just to name a few. Linda promises this will be a very enlightening experience for all.



The Artist's Mind

I went to Catholic School which didn't offer much by way of art instruction. However, my parents knew from an early age that I was an "artsy" type. I didn't draw things like the other kids (and actually had justification for it when prodded why - even as young as 6 years old).

So, my parents made an investment on me by enrolling me in a summer course at a local Art School. It was the launching point of my true love for art. Since then, my creations have evolved, but the love has never faded. It is amazing what some encouragement to create can do for a child.

Each Newsletter, The Artist's Mind invites members to contribute their own inspiration, quotes, or brief story. Please submit to Taryn Myers at art@hermesgallery.com.



Can you guess the masterpiece? Find the answer on page 8!

SPECIAL EVENTS - CONTINUED

Mixed Media & Fiber Arts Meeting

Apr. 28, 10am-12pm

At the YAA Gallery

Fiber Arts Mixed Media Group will meet on April 28 (this is the 4th Thursday due to the gallery floors being refurbished) Please bring collage materials to create your own collage with your favorite movie as the theme. The event is open to the public and all are welcome.

Life Drawing & Painting Drop-in Sessions

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm

At the YAA Gallery

Calling all artists interested in learning or fine-tuning your skills at figure drawing or painting! York Art Association continues to host Life Drawing & Painting drop-in sessions. We provide the live model, you provide your artistic interpretation in your medium of choice. There is no instruction provided; however, an open group of like-minded artists willing to offer advice and support. There is a nominal \$10 fee that goes toward paying the model.

For more information, please contact us at gallerymanager@yorkartassociation.com



WORKSHOPS

Seascapes from Photographs: Dewitt Hardey

Apr. 2, Apr. 9 & Apr. 23 10am-1pm

At the YAA Gallery

Dewitt Hardy, world-renowned for his watercolor s of small New England Towns will be holding a series of watercolor workshops at YAA. You will not want to miss out on this spectacular opportunity to learn from a master.



Ambersons by Dewitt Hardy

This class includes six hours of instruction in watercolor painting and the students are to bring their own supplies including a sketch book. The seascape will be drawn from a photograph that you bring to the class.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are integral to the success of the York Art Association. We are always in need of volunteer support and want to invite you to consider joining in the fun. Don't worry, we'll show you the ropes!! Here is a list of some jobs we need help with:

- ~ Distribution of fliers to local businesses to market various YAA events
- ~ Writing articles for various local newspapers or the monthly YAA newsletter
- ~ Art demos (approximately two hours) - can be held at the gallery or at various locations throughout the area
- ~ Preparation of short artist summaries/bios for display within the gift shop and gallery
- ~ Creation and upkeep of artist & product labels for the gift store
- ~ Event set up and coordination
- ~ Gallery beautification & maintenance (sweep floors, take out trash, dust, etc)
- ~ YAA office organizing and data entry
- ~ Website maintenance (monitor content and keep online calendar up-to-date)

Volunteer Training Session

Apr. 17, 1pm-3pm

At the YAA Gallery

If you want to get more involved, we welcome you. We will cover our mission, history, gallery and gift store organization, overall leadership, and programs. You will meet others who want to volunteer, and become part of a very special team. A question and answer session will be held at the end. In addition, we are planning to hold two more sessions covering additional topics. Please visit our website for more information or to register: <http://www.yorkartassociation.com/event-2150316>



VOLUNTEERS - CONTINUED

Outstanding Volunteers 2015

The York Art Association would like to extend a very special, "thank you," to two volunteers who we feel have gone above and beyond all that we have asked of them: Alice Lee Timmins and Deb Kolbjornsen.

Alice and Deb step up whenever there is a call for help. And their extra effort is very much appreciated.

Without volunteers, YAA would not be able to operate. We are always in need of volunteers to help keep the gallery open. Anyone who is interested in volunteering can sign up online at www.YorkArtAssociation.com/Volunteer-Today



YAA NEWS

York Public Library Maker Faire

Jun. 11, 10am-3pm

At the York Public Library

YAA will be participating in the York Public Library Maker Faire, Saturday June 11, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

We will be offering a "make and take" collage event. Volunteers who are interested in helping during the Maker Faire and for a pre-event prep meeting TBD, can be in touch with Corrine Gilman at twofishes@me.com or via cell 978-807-2733.



FUNDRAISER

York Art Youth Fundraiser

Apr. 29, 6:30-8:30pm

YAA Gallery

YAA's new youth initiative needs your help! We will be hosting a fundraiser on April 29 to raise much needed funding to get York Art Youth off the ground. YAY aims to provide affordable, professional and fun art-based programs to our York area youth.

If you would like to attend our fundraiser event (wine donated by My Winey Sister and beer donated by SoME Brewing) or to invest in the artistic futures of area children, please reach out to Alyssa Wright at alyssa@raisingchange.com or 413-230-1896.

YORK ART YOUTH (Y.A.Y.)

Launching Y.A.Y. (York Art Youth)

The mission of Y.A.Y. is to provide affordable, professional and fun art-based workshops and training to Seacoast area children that reflects, encourages, and promotes profound creativity as well a sense of cultural pride for the history of the Seacoast area, namely engaging York Village, York Harbor and York Beach. The mission of Y.A.Y. is to ensure all children who spend time in the York county area, get access to quality arts programs every summer—unhindered by socio-economic barriers, and celebrating the arts as a means to youth empowerment, community building, and social change.



Y.A.Y. includes all of our youth outreach programs, including a Summer Camp, Student Art Shows, Birthday Parties at the gallery, Clubs, Parent/Kid Workshops and more. Launching a new youth-focused program takes a lot of time, commitment, energy and of course, money. We are actively seeking donations to support the launch of the Youth Program: Y.A.Y. You can donate on our website (please indicate “YAY” or “Youth Art” in the comments) <http://www.yorkartassociation.com/donate> or by purchasing much needed supplies (<http://www.dickblick.com/ara/lists/6318/home>) or simply by volunteering your time. Y.A.Y. is seeking the following volunteer and other support:



- ~ Instructors/instruction support
- ~ Donations of artwork or other relevant items that can be used for a silent auction fund-raiser or as a give-away/award at youth events or receptions
- ~ Food or drink donations for individual events
- ~ Cash gifts or supplies
- ~ “Kid companions” or other volunteers to assist with individual youth events
- ~ Collaborative partners that we could work with for theme tie-ins
- ~ Advertising donations
- ~ Fliers/brochure distribution
- ~ Event set-up and clean-up

Birthday Parties

Starting in May we will offer birthday painting parties in our gallery. Perfect for your creative child! We will set up, clean up and provide all materials for each young artist to take home a unique piece of artwork.

Details posted next month.

OTHER FUN STUFF

Want to Support YAA Newsletter?

We will be introducing the opportunity to place small advertisements within the pages of our monthly newsletter. The newsletter, sent to all of our members and supporters, is a great place to distribute your message, whether it is a general notice of your website or etsy shop, announcement for art lessons, or whatever you want it to say. We are only asking \$20 for a generous 3" x 3" space (in color).

Member Highlight: Jane Ansaldo Church

One of our perennial Gift Shop top sellers, Jane Ansaldo Church is passionate about reusing gifts from our earth to create new artwork.

Jane was an elementary school teacher for 35 years in Portsmouth, NH. She has also always been a beach walker, collecting heart shaped



rocks, shells, driftwood, sea weed and many other things the ocean offers up. Her collection of heart rocks have evolved into beautiful cards.

Jane especially enjoys making wreaths, fish, trees, collages and angels. Please visit the YAA Gift Shop to see and purchase many of Jane's works.

