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FINAL CURTAIN FOR ALLEGANY ARTS ASSOCIATION

At the last meeting of the Allegany Arts Association on February 1, 2023 the board of directors and remaining active members voted to disband the organization, due to a lack of volunteers.

After the meeting the AAA issued this statement: *“By majority vote the existing Allegany County Arts Association Board of Directors has deemed it necessary to dissolve the Allegany County Arts Association due to a lack of active members to take over the duties of the Board and/or to perform the organizational duties required to provide arts services to the residents of Allegany County.*

Our Spring Newsletter will be going out as planned and we will be working in partnership with local individuals and organizations to honor our existing commitments to the community.

Please watch for additional announcements regarding the transfer of responsibilities and provisions for local arts services that will take place as a result of this difficult decision.”

The AAA was founded in the 1980s and much has changed since a group of dedicated individuals started the organization to support the arts in Allegany County. While dance, music and poetry events were initiated and supported, the AAA's crowning achievement was its decades old free summer arts program for children.

In the 80s there were few ways for artists to show or market their work, today there are many opportunities available venues through local galleries, libraries, and the internet.

Over the last few months the AAA has been slowly shifting responsibilities to the Belfast Organization For Artists.

Other art-focused groups in Wellsville may also be “absorbing” some of the gap left by ending the AAA. The Allegany Artisans are still going strong and produce the annual “Artisans Studio Tour.” Art for Rural American is a Wellsville based non-profit that built and manages the Fassett Greenspace in downtown Wellsville.

There are active artists groups, opportunities and galleries in Alfred and Cuba. There are two galleries in Wellsville, The Little Gem gallery is associated with the Wellsville Creative Arts Center where numerous art programs are offered to the public. Studio 34fourteen recently opened near the Wellsville/Scio town line and exhibits a wide-variety of arts including painting, sculpture and ceramics.

Contact any of these groups to find out how you can help keep the county art culture alive and well into the future.

“Shifting Focus” Peter Midgley’s Tri-County Exhibit Now - March 18

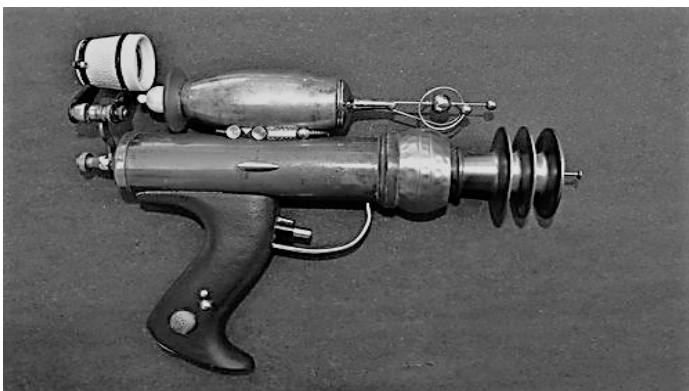
The art of Peter Midgley will be on exhibit until March 18th at the Peg Bothner Art Gallery located at 110 West State St., in Olean

A long-time member of the Wellsville Art Association we first got to know Peter through his pottery and his popular stop on the annual Artist’s Tour, but the artist has changed direction.

For the gallery exhibit he wrote, *“I first came to art through pottery, which hooked me in 1980 with my first ceramics class. Pottery is seemingly so simple – just mix, earth, water, and fire – yet it is infinitely complex. My fascination with this medium pulled me through a BA degree from the University of Dallas and then an MFA degree from Ohio University. I have been working in clay ever since.*

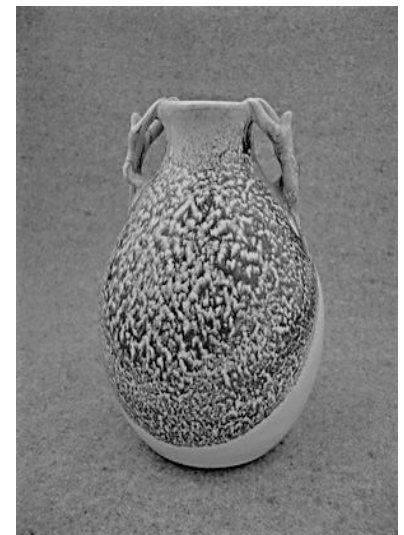
“In 1995, Alfred State College gave me the opportunity to teach, and I discovered an affinity for that. I am still teaching Art and Art History there, and I still (mostly) enjoy it. I started making Ray Guns about eight years ago, for the sheer fun of it. I have always loved Science Fiction, and I have always collected small, cool, retro objects. Suddenly these things connected. The process is refreshing and immediate, without the need to trust a kiln for firing at the end.

“The Encaustic images are very recent, they sprang up suddenly during the recent pandemic. I suppose teaching Art History for all those years finally opened me up to some new possibilities. The hot wax flows and mixes colors in a semi-controlled way, which to me is reminiscent of ceramic glazes during a firing. The major difference is that it happens right in front of you, and it can be controlled in real time. The color interactions are expressive and seem limitless, and the process is both demanding and a genuine pleasure. Regularly switching from pottery to teaching to Steam Punk to expressive color is not always smooth, but this shifting of focus seems to be working, for now.”



The artist indulges his love of Science Fiction by making Ray Guns

Midgley has changed his focus after years of creating pottery





Cuba Library calls for artist

CUBA - The Cuba circulating library is seeking proposals for the creation and installation of an artisanal artificial tree to be located in the children's area of the Cuba Library at 39 E Main St. Cuba N.Y. Cuba library is in the beginning stages of transforming their children's section into a modern learning/play space that is accessible and inviting to everyone.

A big part of the transformation is bringing natural elements indoors and trying to incorporate those within the space. The centerpiece of this transformation will be an artificial tree. The function of the tree is to create a garden like atmosphere and promote play and exploration by allowing the trunk to be inhabited by children ages 1 to 12. The final product should be aesthetically pleasing, in scale with the surroundings, of durable construction suited to continual use and should require little to no maintenance for at least 10 years.

Installation must meet all state and local code requirements. Interested artists should complete a registration form by May1, 2023 at: <https://tinyurl.com/cubalibraryart>

Contact the library with questions at 585-968-1668 or cuba@stls.org

Alfred Ceramic Art Museum

Hours:

Wednesday: 10am-5pm

Thursday: 10am-5pm

Friday: 10am-5pm

Saturday: 10am-5pm

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ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu
607-871-2421



ARTS ACCESS PASS PROGRAM

The ASI Arts Access Pass program connects Allegany County residents to a wide array of arts and cultural programs and events through the Arts Access program. Any individual or family who receives income based public assistance is eligible to apply. ASI provides safe and accessible transportation to and from partner events at the passholder's request.

Find out more about the ASI Arts Access Program at <https://www.arts-access.org/> To find out how your Allegany County cultural event or organization can become an ASI Arts Access Partner,

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Alfred Arts and Cultural Events

Alfred Ceramic Art Museum Alfred - Events and exhibitions

Alfred State College Graphic and Media Design

Alfred University School of Art and Design Events and Activities

Allegany County Area Artists and Crafters

The Allegany Artisans - local artisans with yearly studios tour

Andover House - featuring works by local artists and artisans

The Angelica Players - local performing artists and theatrical adventures for all

Artists Among Us Belmont, - touring art exhibit of local artists

BEATS Special Needs Dance Showcase Wellsville - a safe place for dancers with special needs

Belfast Braids - local artisan teaching braided rug-making

The Belfast Organization for Artists for creators in Belfast area

The Cohen Gallery at Alfred University Alfred - featuring works by local artists

Nancy Howe Auditorium - at David A. Howe Library - live music, movies, theatre, dance, and other performances for all

The Fassett Green Space Project by Art For Rural America, Wellsville

The Fountain Arts Center Belmont, NY - art exhibits and creative activities and classes for youth and adults

The Hann Homestead, Andover Paint and Sip Parties

The Genesee Valley Chorus - contemporary/classic chorus

Genesee Valley Plein Air Painters - plein air landscape painting for adults

Heidi Noel's Performing Arts Center Wellsville - classes for local youth

Lifeway Youth Center Belfast - events for youth

The Little Gallery Arts and Antiques - featuring works by local artists and artisans, sales benefit the Hart Comfort House

The Most Arts Festival Alfred - during the summer - classical music performed by world class musicians, the Young Pianist Competition, daily chamber series, evening concerts and the vibrant world of Alfred art.

The Ortlip Gallery at Houghton College

The Palmer Opera House Cuba, NY entertainment and creative classes and activities for all ages

Rise Above Holistic Wellness Center - yoga, martial arts and more

The Rogue Carrot Alfred NY ~ natural foods store also featuring works by local artists and artisans

SheilaLynnK Art Studio Wellsville

STEPS Dance Studio Wellsville - dance classes for local youth

Studio One Ten, Scio - art and craft classes and parties for all ages

Southern Tier Fiber Arts Guild Wellsville

Tri-County Arts Council serving Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties

Wellsville YMCA After School Program - Creative Activities for Youth

Wellsville Creative Arts Center - Live music, Open Mic, Visual Arts Exhibits by local artists, clay studio, and Art Classes for youth and adults

Google or Facebook for contact information.





Dan Jordan Exhibition of wildlife photography

You've seen his photos on the Wellsville Sun, now look at them in person at the Olean Library

Dan Jordan is well known in the bird world for striking images, from eagles to cardinals. He excels, and enjoys taking shots of a variety of subjects from cattle (Scottish Highlanders are preferred,) to roller derby competitions.

Dan's business, Jordan Photography and Consulting, is a very popular general portrait-style studio based in Olean.

He recently announced The Olean Public Library will be hosting an exhibit of his work in the Gallery Room throughout March. The exhibit is free to the public.



Libraries Expand Local Access to the Arts

- Contact your local library to find out more
- Alfred Box of Books 607-587-9290
 - Almond 20th Century Club Free Library 607-276-6311
 - Andover Free Library 607-478-8442
 - Angelica Free Library 585-466-7860
 - Belfast Public Library 585-365-2072
 - Belmont Free Library 585-268-5308
 - Bolivar Free Library 585-928-2015
 - Cuba Public Library 585-968-1668
 - Canaseraga Essential Club Free Library 607-545-6443
 - Fillmore Wide Awake Club Library 585-567-8301
 - Friendship Free Library 585-973-7724
 - Little Genesee Library 585-928-1915
 - Richburg Colonial Library 585-928-2694
 - Rushford Free Library 585-437-2533
 - Scio Memorial Library 585-593-4816
 - Wellsville David A. Howe Library 585-593-3410
 - Whitesville Public Library 607-356-3645



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RECURRING EVENTS

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Every Tuesday: Genesee Valley Chorus rehearsal at 7 p.m. at Grace United Church, N. Main, Wellsville. All singers welcome! Call Sharlet Fuller, 593-3173

1st Wed., Thelma Rogers Genealogical and Historical Society (TRGHS) every other month, at 6:30 p.m. at the David A. Howe Library, Wellsville.

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1-4 pm, the **Northern Allegany Quilters** at Wesleyan Family Center, Fillmore, all skills welcome. 585-365-8856.

1st Friday 7 pm Bird Club, Grace United Church, Wellsville.

3rd Monday Baker's Bridge Historical Society, 7:30 pm Alfred Station

1st Saturday: Southern Tier Fiber Arts Guild, 11 to 2 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 470 N. Main St., Wellsville. Call 607-587-9270 or 585-593-4799 for information. All fiber artists welcome.

5th Thursdays: BOFA UFO DAY

Pending Re-opening, 1-4 pm at Belfast Town Hall. Creators work on unfinished objects.

Info: Belfastorganizationforartists@gmail.com

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Wed. & Sat, Allegany County Historical Society, 10 to 3 Andover. Free! Open to all. 585-610-8668.

Starlight hits Broadway

WELLSVILLE - Ryan Keib, announces, "Our next show is "Give My Regards to Broadway," a musical comedy.

Keib is one of the founders of The Starlight Theater Company and he explained that the Spring production takes place in a struggling off-Broadway theatre in 1940s New York. "It features the music of George M. Cohan, which many will be very familiar with, as he has done a number of patriotic songs," he said.

The musical is written by Shubert Fendrich and includes many song and dance numbers. Heidi Lawton is directing and choreographing the show and a lot of dancers from the Heidi Noel's Performing Arts Center are featured as "The Mockettes" (their version of the "Rockettes"). There are 26 cast members.

The performance will take place at the Grace United Mission Center on May 5th and 6th at 7 pm both nights. Admission will be \$6 at the door, and desserts will be served as always.



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