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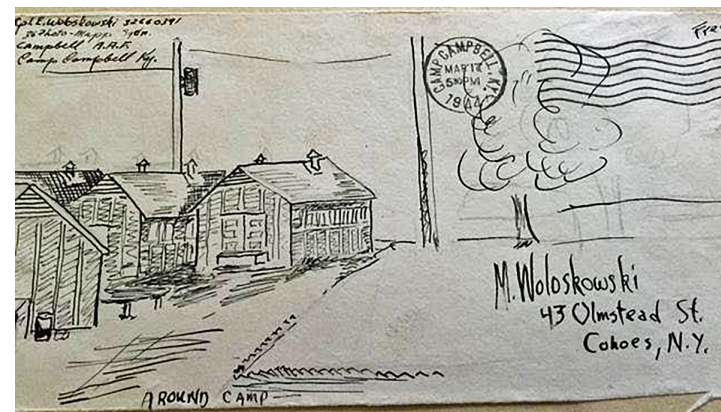


The earliest stick figures scratched on a cave wall were probably more a form of non-verbal communication - precursors to the written word – rather than decorative scenes. After all, it is said, that a picture is worth a thousand words.

So, millennia later, our story takes us to a young Cohoes man serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Like all soldiers away from the comforts of home, he wrote letters to his mother. His mother could not read English and took the letters to a neighbor to get them read. But he did include something his mother could read – without assistance. He decorated each envelope with a scene depicting his experiences.

In this Artist Showcase we have a very modest selection of those envelopes. The full collection numbers around 300 and has been lovingly preserved by his daughter! We hope to find a way to do a one-man retrospective of this work near Veteran's Day to celebrate the service and art of Cpl. E. Woloskowski.

Images courtesy of Tessie Charbonneau.



About

Choose Cohoes for Art, Inc.

Although we have been in existence for more than 9 years, we have always been under the umbrella of the Cohoes Local Development Corporation. As of May 17, 2018 we have become our own New York registered, not for profit corporation, and have obtained 501(c)(3) status. You will find many of our board members and officers working diligently on the show floor to make your visit as enjoyable as possible. Say hi, and feel free to offer your suggestions for improvement.

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The Lise Toch Creative Arts Education Fund

Lise Toch was an artist, teacher, Co-owner of Ragged Edge Printmaking Studio and a founding member of Choose Cohoes for Art. Art in the community is something that she strongly supported. Several years ago we established a scholarship fund. A year later we made some alterations to it and renamed it. Every future event produced by the Choose Cohoes for Art will, in part, benefit the fund. The Lise Toch Creative Arts Education Fund will benefit students and artists in Cohoes who need assistance in either education or materials to pursue their art. It will also support art in the community with events and workshops. Over time we will add to the outreach of this fund as need arises.



Art by Lise Toch

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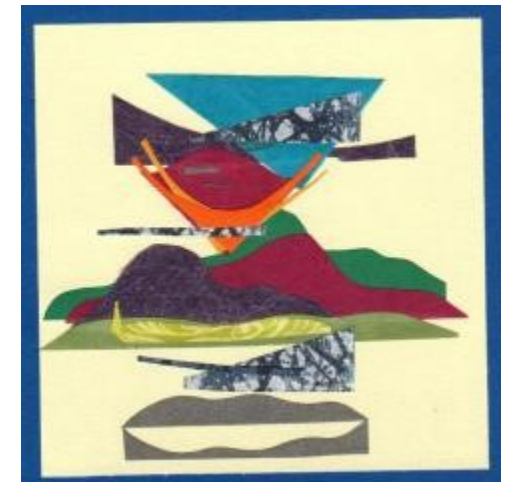


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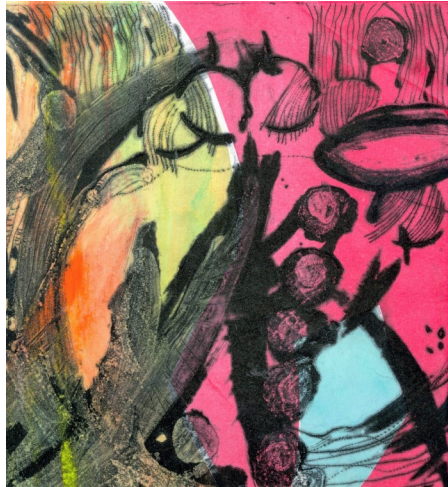
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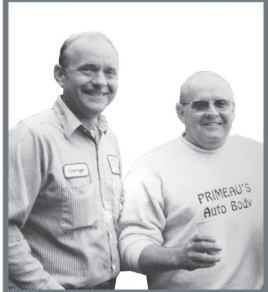
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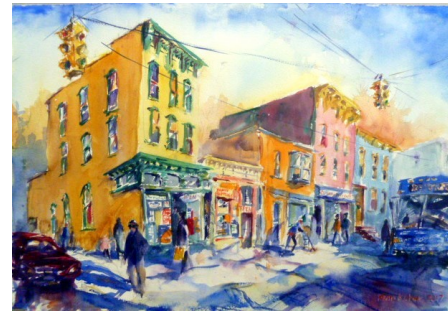
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Artist's Statement, 2019

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Featured Artist

Matt Chinian

Biography, 2019

Matt Chinian (b.1961) is a prolific landscape painter, his work is done all on site, with oil paint on canvas. Matt's ability to capture light and color is remarkable, his paintings are completed before light conditions change and almost always less than 2 hours. He will wander about Upstate New York by car and find scenes; urban streets, farm lands, gas stations or rivers, composing his own brand of social realism "I want to create a commentary without judgement, about the place I live, what I see and what I focus my attention on."

Matt earned a degree in painting and sculpture at Bennington College and then an M.F.A. in sculpture and drawing at SUNY Albany. After his education, Matt spent 25 years earning a living as a carpenter in his adopted home of Cambridge, NY. He returned to painting, in 2010. "I could no longer just look at the landscape I lived in", he is now working as an artist full time.

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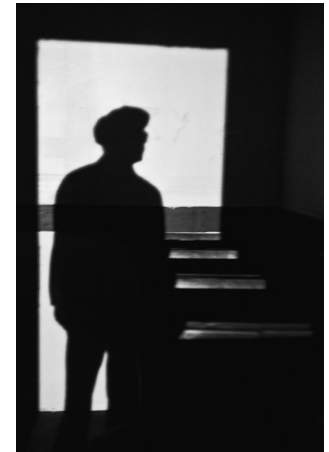


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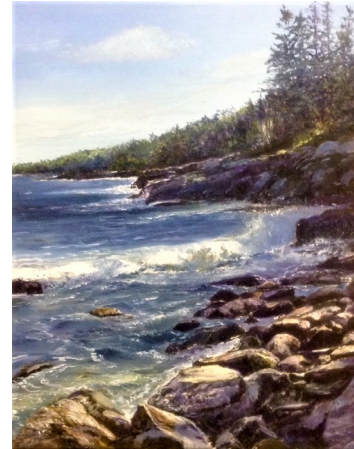
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