



Art Talk

The Newsletter of Choose Cohoes for Art

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Happy Fall!

This is issue 3 of our newsletter "Art Talk". Our group of artists and friends of the arts came together to promote art in the City of Cohoes. We are looking for others to join us in that endeavor.

We have just hosted our annual Cohoes Artist Showcase. This was our second show in the new **A Space for Art** and our 12th overall.

We have joined together with several others to have a working space to continue our Art and other small businesses.

We also partnered with the Spindle City Historic Society for our first Art in the Park. We combined history and art and presented three programs. The first was in the Cohoes Falls Overlook Park, The second was along the Van Schaick Pond and the final presentation was in Veteran's Park. Thank you to all of our presenters and the many people that joined us.

Artist Showcase



Choose Cohoes
for Art Board
Member Michael
Lattanzio .

Michael Lattanzio is a native of Albany. He came of age in a time when the world was still represented in black and white. It was the standard of the day for photography, print and television and that influence comes through in his graphite illustrations. Coming from a creative family, his interest in music and art started at an early age. In the late seventies, Michael traded a career in the automotive

repair field and began a career in the textile printing industry. That career spanned twenty plus years in four states and encompassed managing large scale printing operations, owning his own screen-printing and bag manufacturing company and winning multiple awards in industry sponsored competitions. In 1990 Michael moved from Albany to Baltimore Md. For a period of time and in 1996 moved to the southwest where he spent twenty-five years living in Sedona, AZ with a few years spent in Boulder Colorado. This is when he developed his technique of dry brushing with powdered graphite.

Having worked with many different mediums, this dry brushing technique has become one of his signature creative expressions creating an ongoing series titled "Restored Treasures and Forgotten Relics". These illustrations are a journey back in time to an age of long forgotten machines and machines restored to their former glory, to grace our lives once again. For Michael it is "Combining a love of two worlds Art and Machinery".

Michael's newest creations arose from a desire to work with neon lighting. He is currently creating a unique series of wood and acrylic sculptures using LED lighting and creating effects not possible with traditional neon lighting.

The other mediums Michael has worked with are serigraphy, colored pencil, airbrush, metal sculpture/welding, photography and has won numerous awards nationally and internationally for his work. Having had no formal art training, Michael has produced and continues to create a unique and varied portfolio.

In 2011 Michael returned to the Albany area and currently resides in Cohoes, New York. Michael is a current member and sits on the board of Choose Cohoes for Art. He is also a member of the Albany Center Gallery, the Arts Center of the Capi-

tal Region, the Pencil Art Society, the Spencertown Academy Arts Center and the Northwinds Fine Art Gallery in Saranac Lake New York.

CCfA Fundraiser Art Auction

Our goal at CCfA is simple; support art and artists in the community. To us the community reaches beyond just Cohoes. Our community is the region and the people in it.

There are many wonderful resources for the arts in our area. We just want to do our part and be a part of that effort.

We want to do more and are asking both artists and art patrons to help us do just that.

Choose Cohoes for Art is planning a fund raiser, in a silent auction format, to help us reach our goal of raising \$10,000 by the end of the year.

Every artist that enters this event will be publicized and showcased throughout our social media and in a show catalog. The Auction will be held on October 26, 2023. We will hold a silent auction event showcasing the work of regional artists. Artists will be donating their art for this event.

All art will have a starting bid of \$35 and the art will be available in 3 specific sizes.

•For Artists• (notice size correction)

The artist entry fee for this

event is simple, a piece of art, in any medium, gallery ready and in a finished size of 10"x10", 8"x10", or 10"x8" donated to CCfA for the auction.

Sculpture donations must fit in a 10"x10" space and be no more than 10" high.

We are hoping that we can get 50 regional artists to participate.

Each piece will have starting bid of \$35.00.

Any art not sold at the auction can either be returned to the artist or be kept by CCfA for future events. Artist's choice.

Please see Page 5 for more information.



Got used art supplies with some life left in them?

We want them!

Choose Cohoes for Art will pass them along to regional artists who may have to choose between art supplies and food.

This program will be open to any artist in need from the capital region and offers all available supplies at no charge. We currently have artists and shops donating and are looking for more.

Take a look in your closets, drawers and bags. Is there anything that you can donate? CCfA is located at 60 Remsen St in Cohoes, NY. There is a donation box inside the front door. The building is open 10-4:30 Monday thru Friday.

**For more info contact
info@choosecohoesforart.org**

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At “A Space For Art”



Cohoes Awarded 10 Million In State Funding

Plans continue to develop for the investment of \$10 million dollars into the business district. The DRI committee is reviewing plans for the projects to be considered. One possible plan would see A pace for Art to be in a new five story building with additional retail and housing at 60 Remsen Street.



Join Us....

We are currently soliciting memberships to our organization.

www.choosecohoesforart.org/membership.html

The membership levels are:

- 1) Student (up to college seeking bachelor's degree) and Senior (65 or older) \$25
- 2) Individual \$35
- 3) Family/Household \$50
- 4) Business (or corporate) \$100

Please join us in supporting the arts in Cohoes.

ART in the PARK



Chuck Mossey explains a photography technique as part of the Art in the Park. Board member Ed Tremblay gave a history of Veteran's Park.

Holiday Market Returns

The Cohoes Holiday Market will return this year. The Market will be centralized in Canal Square Park this year. Applications for vendors will be available soon on the CLDC website.

The event will kick off on Small Business Saturday, November 25th with the annual Soup Stroll. The event will be every weekend from then until December 23rd.

The opening evening will conclude with the lighting of the City Christmas tree, and the arrival of Santa Claus. The CCfA is hoping to have



Kathy Klompas and Sue Baird ran the event at the Cohoes Falls



Daniele Cherniak of the Spindle City Historic Society explains the history of the Van Schaick Island.

events scheduled at our office at "A Space of Art" during Small Business Saturday.

Make sure you continue to check out our website and Face Book Page for upcoming events.

Art Blog

Choose Cohoes for Arts hosts a Blog for continuing an open discussion on the Arts scene in Cohoes. Feel free to check it out and participate in the discussions.

We at CCfA have our own activities which we hope help to foster the art com-



Ritvik Sharma demonstrating the Plein Air technique with watercolors.

munity and bring broader awareness to it. So in this blog, with a little help from our friends, we endeavor to provide timely posts about art and art events you have anything that you would like to see on the blog, drop us an e-mail at:

Info@ChooseCohoesForArt.org

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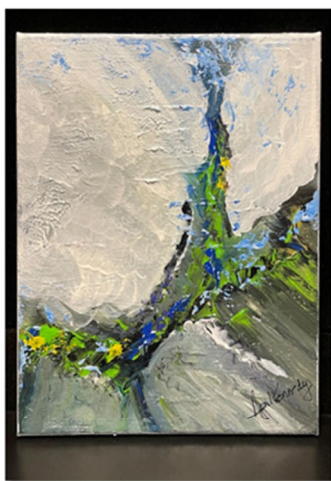
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Choose Cohoes for Art

Silent Auction Fundraiser

Helping Us Help Artists In Need

Join us Thursday October 26
from 5:30 til 8:30pm
at A Space for Art
60 Remsen St. Cohoes NY



April Kennedy



George Nicholson



Kathy Klompas

Artist submissions are open now!
contact info@choosecohoes.org for entry info
