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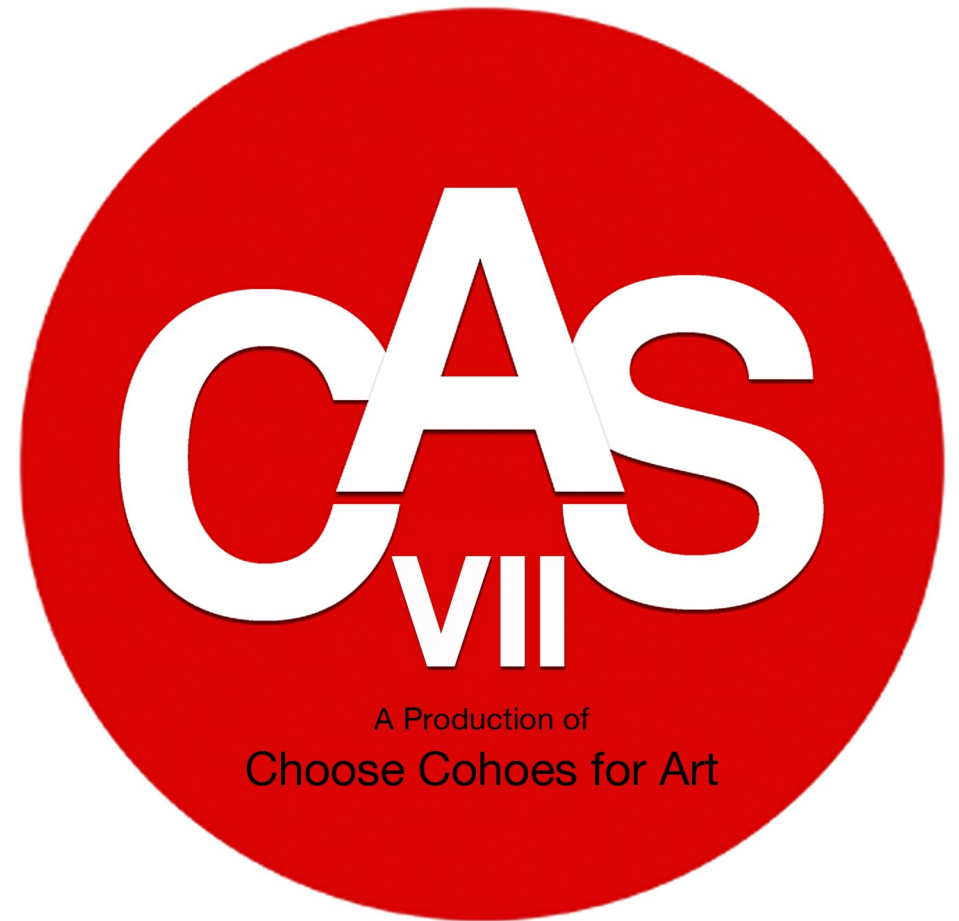


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## In Memoriam

**Luba Ricket** is noted as an accomplished photographer but also worked in other media. She was very active in the Schenectady Photographic Society (SPS). In early May of this year the SPS established the Luba Ricket Creativity Award. The announcement of that award said:

*"We are excited to announce a new award and competition for members celebrating the stunningly creative work of beloved member, Luba Ricket. Luba is an ambassador gently drawing photographers to her and our club. In a world of round pegs and round holes – and the occasional square peg, Luba is a butterfly. She defies categorization – quietly moving among us with a smile here and a word of encouragement there, making us better artists and a stronger community. And all the while she creates works of startling originality. While we work at creating professional quality prints, Luba crafts tableaux with her signature flipped images on used coffee filters. While we explore software and apps she is constructing three dimensional illuminated models."*

Luba lent a hand to CCfA preparing promotional materials for our early efforts to stage this show and was an entrant as well. The Troy Photo Center has lent us a few of her works for this show. You can see more of her work at <https://spsphoto.org/news/the-images-of-luba-ricket-a-true-creative-inspiration/>

**June Cherniak** is probably better known in Cohoes for her tireless work with The Spindle City Historic Society. June was a founding member of that organization and the long serving treasurer. Few outside of family and close friends knew that June was also a talented artist. June's family have contributed art instruction books and supplies to CCfA. Some are in the silent auction some have been passed on to needy artists and organizations such as the Roarke Center. In addition to the image on this page, June's family have loaned us a few more pieces that you will find on display in the show.



**Branson Quenzer** was another local photographer who had exhibited work in our showcase. Branson had moved to China to pursue his photographic work. Branson was a young man with a unique approach to photography. You can see his work at [bransonq360.com/](http://bransonq360.com/)



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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. Two years ago we established a scholarship fund. Last year 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.



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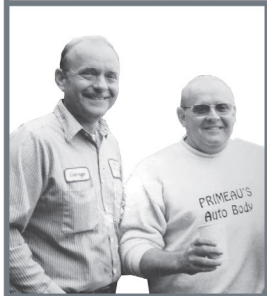


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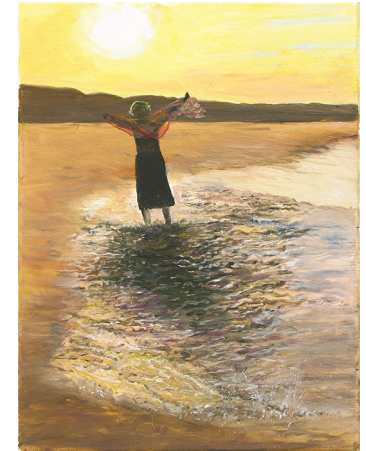
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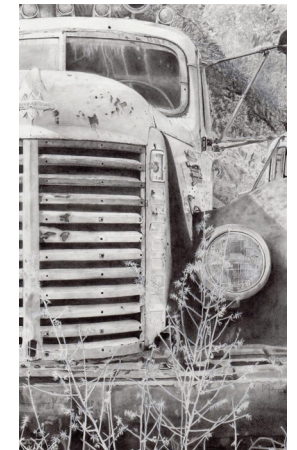


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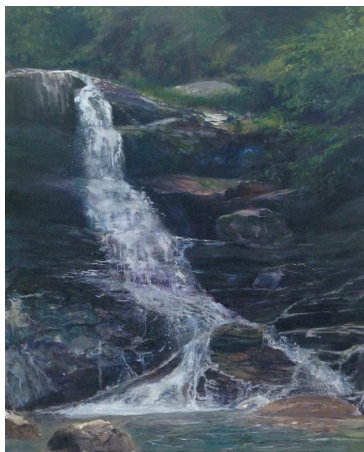


## Featured Artist—Karen Woodin



Born in Schenectady, New York, Karen Woodin was encouraged to draw in her childhood and was taught by her mother, Joan Johnson, a professional artist and art teacher. Her family lived in a quaint village in Altamont, NY with the surrounding escarpment of the Helderberg Mountains. After high school, Woodin began her art studies at Russell Sage College. She then continued on and earned two Masters Degrees in Education - one at the University of Albany and the second at the College of Saint Rose. After 20 years of teaching, she began freelancing, establishing herself as an oil landscape artist. This shift from teaching to developing her artistic talent brought about her mastery in painting oil landscapes.

In 2010, Woodin enrolled in her first oil painting class at the Art Center in Troy with Deborah Bayly. The next seven years, she was trained by the nationally recognized master oil landscape artist Audrey Romano of Halfmoon, NY at the Misty Morning Studio. Woodin subsequently began experiencing success in competitions and shows, developing a following of invitations to art exhibitions and art galleries. Her love of the water and familiarity with the Mohawk-Hudson river and costal waterscapes triggered a subsequent exploration of those subjects for many of her paintings.



Today Karen Woodin is an award-winning artist who regularly teaches professional oil painting workshops/classes and is often a featured guest demonstrator for art associations/societies. Her landscape paintings have been spotlighted and featured in Saratoga Life publication and local Schenectady Gazette community news. Woodin has recently showcased in a regional show at the Butzel Gallery in Schenectady and Gallery5one at Clifton Park, NY.



The images on this page were all from artists at the Roarke Center (see poster left). To contact any of these artists please do so through the Roarke Center.







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Art making helps to support people as they face the daily challenges of poverty.

The arts bring people together. Guest artists share their expertise with the participants. Members explore, develop new ideas, learn new skills and broaden their experience of the community. Partnerships with schools, colleges and local resources collaborate with us to provide a forum for sharing.

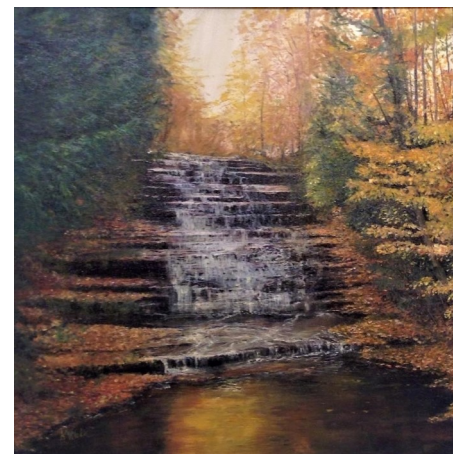
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Once again Choose Cohoes for Art is proud to have the opportunity to share the work of artists from this special group. Roarke Center artists participating include:

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