



Art Talk

The Newsletter of Choose Cohoes for Art

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Welcome Back!

This is issue 2 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.

The new "A Space for Art" is something we had hoped would come together for several years.

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

We will continue sponsoring events and shows in our community. We are currently working with the City of Cohoes and the Spindle City Historic Society for an event this summer.

Please continue to follow our facebook Page and the City website for calendar updates.

Please consider becoming a member of CCfA if you are an artist, enjoy art, or just want to see our art community grow.

Artist Showcase



Kathy Klompas is owner of Ragged Edge Printmaking Studio, 137 Remsen Street. The studio, open by appointment, is a fully equipped printmaking studio, complete with a large etching press.

"I have always loved color and pattern. As a child I expressed my creativity with knitting, embroidery and sewing. This led to the study of Design in college, focusing on fiber arts and costume de-

sign, followed by a retail management career that included theatrical costume shops, bridal and traditional department stores," reported Kathy. "I met Lise Toche, founder of the Choose Cohoes For Art organization, while taking a beginning printmaking class at The Arts Center of the Capital District. The class was just what I needed to keep my creative juices flowing while surviving in the corporate world. Lise was always a visionary, and (continue on pg. 2)

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 she was frustrated with the limited studio access at the arts center, so we partnered to create our own space. She envisioned the space as more than just a private studio, but a community for anyone wanting to bring some creativity into their life.”
 “Now retired I play at the studio as much as I like. As a member of the Oakroom Artists, I show my art work locally, having just had a solo show of monotypes at Saratoga Arts. I teach printmaking on paper and fabrics, at the studio as well as local arts centers, libraries, etc. My favorite is teaching a multi-day workshop of using thickened dyes to print on silk scarves at Snow Farm : The New England Craft School. The next one is coming up in October. But I teach a similar class modified to fit in just a couple hours locally.”
 The best place to find Kathy’s artwork and adventures is on her Instagram account @kathyklompas. Please reach out to her if you would like to tour the studio or take a class.
KK@raggedge.com
Kathy is a Board Member of Choose Cohoes for Arts.



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

Art Blog

Chose 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 community 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 in Cohoes.

If you have anything that you would like to see on the blog, drop us an e-mail at: Info@ChooseCohoesForArt.org

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

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Karen Woodin conducted our first Workshop.

“Waterfall Painting”

At “A Space For Art”



Cohoes Awarded 10 Million In State Funding

Cohoes has been awarded \$10 million in state funding and investments to revitalize its downtown neighborhood and generate new opportunities for long-term growth following the local planning process.

Cohoes joins the communities of Glens Falls, Hudson, Albany, Schenectady, Tannersville and Troy, which were the Capital Region's winners in the first five DRI rounds.

Cohoes will begin the process of developing a Strategic Investment Plan to revitalize its downtown with up to \$300,000 in planning funds from the \$10 million DRI grant. A Local Planning Committee made up of municipal representatives, community leaders and other stake-

holders will lead the effort, supported by a team of private sector experts and state planners. The Strategic Investment Plan will examine local assets and opportunities to identify economic development, transportation, housing, and community projects that align with each community's vision for downtown revitalization.

The Strategic Investment Plan will guide the investment of DRI grant funds in revitalization projects that will advance the community's vision for its downtown and that can leverage and expand upon the state's \$10 million investment.

A portion of the funding will be designated to create street art. Choose Cohoes for Art expects to be active in the planning .





The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper.

The Hyde Museum in Glens Falls currently has this on exhibit – until April 23, 2023.

Dave Koschnick, Shirley Clark, and Sarah Stevens - all Choose Cohoes for Art board members recently checked the exhibit out.

You can see more about the Exhibit on the Hyde website at <https://www.hydecollection.org/exhibition/the-harmon-and-harriet-kelley-collection-of-african-american-art/>.

Shirley, the only painter in our group, found the ex-

hibit inspirational and a source of subjects that she may choose to emulate. The exhibit is nearing the end of its run but if you have time – it's worth a visit.

Upcoming Events:

The Choose Cohoes for Arts group is working on several events during 2023.

We will be coordinating with the City of Cohoes on Friday night events during the Summer months.

Keep checking the City of Cohoes Web site for the Thursday Night Concert Series and Friday night events.

Choose Cohoes for Art is also working with the Spindle City Historic Society to present "Art in the Parks". The concept is to feature several parks and incorporate Painting and History of the Parks. We hope to have this happen during July.

Plans are beginning for our next "CAS" event. Mark your calendar for August 18th and 19th. A call for artists will be coming out later this

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