



Art Talk

The Newsletter of Choose Cohoes for Art

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Happy New Year!

This is issue 4 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 year 2023 saw the group take a big leap of faith by moving into a permanent location at 60 Remsen Street.

After hosting several events at this location we look forward to even bigger things in the upcoming year.

See the article year in review on page 3 for a recap of the exciting events we have been associated with during the year.

We have also set the dates for three exciting events during the upcoming year.

With the start of the new year it is time for you to renew your membership. We would ask every member to please ask one friend to join us next year. Your membership will allow us to continue to grow.

Artist Showcase



Choose Cohoes for Art President Dave Koschnick

Dave Koschnick is a largely self-trained photographer. His interest in photography started as a 10-year-old boy in 1961 when a photo on the cover of the Parade section of the Buffalo Evening News caught his eye. As he gazed at it, he wondered why this photo caught his eye and what did it communicate. It wasn't until around 1970 before Dave obtained a 35 mm film camera and started exploring what he could capture, create, and communicate in his chosen media.

In the ensuing decades he

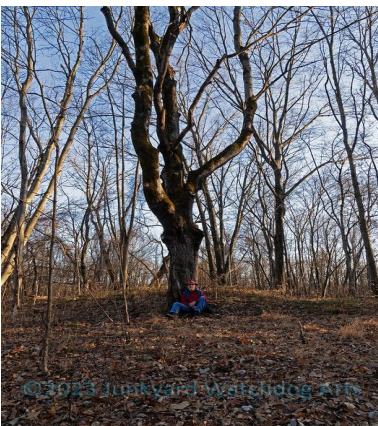
experimented by trying to emulate photographers he read about or was exposed to. He read widely and dabbled in many different photographic genres. He tried fine art still life, wedding, business head shots, annual report, travel, documentary – news reportage, wildlife, and landscape. These days he mostly concentrates on wildlife and landscape. You can see a collection of this recent focus in a booklet he produced for Friends of Peebles Island State Park. Find it at <https://sites.google.com/view/friendsofpeeblesisland/home/explore-the-park/eagles-woodchuck-and-deer-oh-my> . (cont. Pg 2)

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Much of his work carries a bit of whimsy driven by his offbeat (even perverse) sense of humor. (See <https://junkyardwatchdogarts.com/2005-K-Zone.html> - a calendar that contains a collection of visual puns.)

Dave, at times, mixes his photographs with written words. For example, he had a one man show celebrating the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson sailing up his namesake river. That show featured a lot of written text to explain the dynamics of change in the river over 400 years. You can see it at <https://junkyardwatchdogarts.com/Sept2009Show.html> .

Dave has been involved with Choose Cohoes for Art since its inception. He was elected president and has served continuously since the organization incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2018. He is now looking to leave that roll in capable hands.



Build a Mixed-Use 18-Unit Structure



The Cohoes DRI Committee has submitted the project that would replace our current 60 Remsen Street location to New York State for approval.

It would be a four story structure, with 4,000 SF mixed use commercial space at ground level to incorporate current artist co-working studios (A Space for Art) into 2000 SF or more, along with a cafe/wine bar. Three residential floors assume 18 units at market rate, all consisting of 1-BD/BA units.

Sponsor: PHG 60 Remsen, LLC **Location:** 60 Remsen

Project Type: Downtown Buildings – New Construction or Rehab

DRI Funding Request: \$2,250,000 **% of Total Cost:** 37%

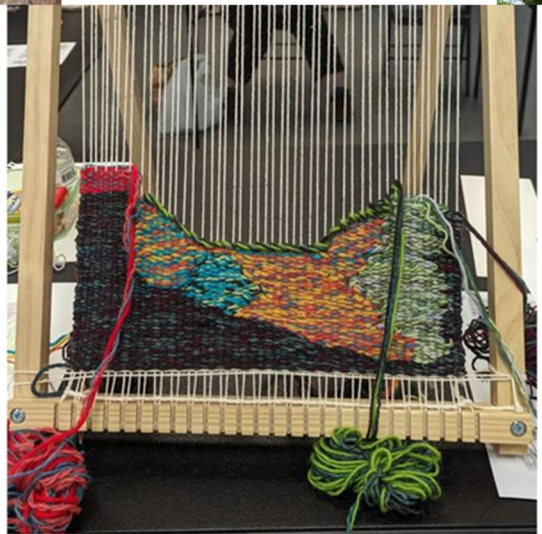
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**Art in
the Park**



CAS XII



Weaving Workshop



Silent Auction



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Year in Review

What a year it has been for Choose Cohoes for ART, our small group of supporters of the Arts in Cohoes promoted some great events.

We were able to work in conjunction with other tenants to create a Space for Art. This former bank office building had sat idle for several years. Our landlords took a chance on buying the building for future development.

We began in the spring with hosting an artist workshop. Local residents spent the day fine tuning their skills.

Visiting 3 parks on a Saturday in July, we were also able to partner with the Spindle City Historic Society to sponsor an



Art in the Park event. At each park a discussion was held as to the history of that area. In addition members of Choose Cohoes for Art talked about different art techniques.

The next event was our CAS XII Artist Showcase. This long standing exhibit focused on showcasing both established and up coming artists.

Our first Art Auction occurred in October. Pieces of art were donated by local artists and auctioned off to support the work of CCfA.

It was a very productive year. We would like to thank all of our members, artists, volunteers, sponsors, donors and the community for your support. Without all of you we would not be able to continue to support the art community in Cohoes.

In Memorial

Karen M. Rigney, 83, died peacefully at home on December 13, 2023 surrounded by her family after a brief illness. Born in Cohoes and a life long resident she was daughter of the late Warren and Madeline Connery Chicoine. She graduated from Cohoes High School and had been a self employed seamstress. She had also worked for C-R Productions at the Cohoes Music Hall as a seamstress. Karen was a communicant of Holy Trinity Parish in Cohoes. She was wife of the late John Diotte and Edmund Rigney. Karen was a good friend of the Arts in Cohoes. She was a long time supporter of Choose Cohoes for Arts. Her smiling face will be greatly missed.





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



Mark your calendars



2024 Events

April 6, 2024

Make & Take Event

Join us for a crafting workshop

August 16 –17– 18, 2024

CAS XIII

October 26, 2024

Silent Auction