

about us

[River Art Gallery & Gifts](#) is nestled in the painted pink brick building at 83 Webster Street in the town of North Tonawanda. Built in 1891, with a major expansion in 1900, this historical building has a fascinating history and continues to serve as a vibrant component to our neighborhood. Discover our collection of original artworks and fine art reproductions by established and emerging artists from Western New York and the Southern Ontario region. Our artists are affiliated with numerous art societies, as well as represented in national and international art venues.

Paintings	Drawings
Fused Glass	Sculpture
Ceramics	Wood Gifts
Fiber Art	Leather
Wood Furniture	Scarves
Mixed Media	Note Cards
Jewelry	Posters
Reproductions	

Unique
One-Of-A-Kind
Art & Gifts



holiday shopping

To assist you with your holiday shopping, the gallery and retail shop will be hosting and participating in the following events! River Art Gallery & Gifts brings a quality visual and functional artwork created by local artists and artisans to the Western New York Community.

Annual Juried Holiday Exhibition

November 18 through Dec 31

Opening Reception December 2, 2022 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Showcases the artwork of Western New York artists. The public is invited to attend the opening reception will be held on Friday, December 2nd from 4pm – 7pm. The art exhibition features artworks in various styles, subject matter and mediums with most of the art available for sale. Join us at the reception to kick off the holiday season!

Small Business Saturday: November 26, 11:00am – 5:00pm

An annual event offering specials and collectively promote our Webster Street neighborhood for Holiday Dining and Shopping. Stop by River Art Gallery & Gifts to make your holiday purchases by supporting your local business serving local artisans! Don't forget to enter your name in our Small Business Saturday drawing to win a \$25 River Art Gallery & Gifts gift certificate.

Lumber City Winter Walk: December 3, 11:00am – 5:00pm

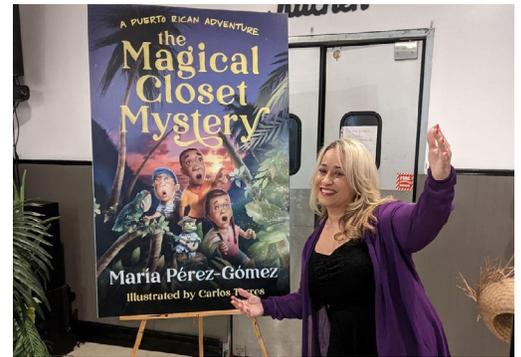
A family fun event hosted by the Webster Street and Oliver Street Merchants. Activities happening throughout the town include Antique Fire Truck rides, petting zoo, basket raffles, visit with Santa, magic show, and much more!

While visiting River Art Gallery during Winter Walk be sure to enter your name in our drawing to win a \$25 River Art Gallery & Gifts gift certificate. Plus sign up for our upcoming emails and stay up-to-date with our 2023 gallery exhibits and events.

Lumber City Winter Walk: December 3, 11:00am – 5:00pm

Among this festive event, River Art Gallery & Gifts invites you to meet author Maria Perez-Gomez and artist Carlos Torres on Saturday 12/3 from 11am to 1pm for a book signing to launch their children’s book “The Magical Closet Mystery”. Then from 1pm – 3pm we are featuring a second children’s book signing for “The Legend of the Squinker” with author J.E. Paddock and illustrator Ron Brancato. These are perfect stocking stuffer for young readers and a gift the entire family can enjoy reading.

*Book signing during Winter Walk
Sat. Dec 3, 2022 from 11am–1pm*



holiday shopping

Our distinctive gift store will be stocked with quality visual and functional art created by local artists and artisans. The selection of unique handmade gifts covers a wide price range as well as a collection of Western New York themed items.

Personal Gifts:

-- Handbags, belt buckles, wallets, scarfs, jewelry (necklaces, earrings, bracelets), note cards of various subject matter, and books for children and adults.

Home Accessories:

-- Wooden: bowls, cabinets, lightning, and home décor, Ceramic: bowls, vases, mugs; Glass: bowls, lightning, wall art; Throw Pillows

Fine Art:

-- Original paintings & giclée prints: landscapes, florals, abstracts, figurative, and thought-provoking imagery in a variety of mediums.
-- Sculpture: whimsical soft sculpture, metal buffalos; Fiber Art: wall art; Three Dimensional Quill Work



Leather: Dennis Betram, Fiber: Susan Marie Borden, Home Décor Pillow: Barbara Rickard, Author: Eve Tulbert and Illustrator: Elizabeth Leader



Ceramics: Junko McGee, Wood: Ken Schosek, Fiber: Susan Marie Borden, Jewelry: Dawn DiGesare, Notecard: Connie Garver



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Books by local authors



Whimsical Soft Sculpture: Theone Oblamski, Sculpture: Donna Hale



Sculpture: Don Barone, Wood: Ken Schosek



Visit: riverartgalleryandgifts.com

artists opportunities

River Art Gallery & Gifts offers artists and artisans opportunities throughout their artistic journey. Together, we work to establish the processes and business support systems vital to creative professionals maintaining their careers in the world of art.

We do this via four major areas are:

[River Memberships](#)

[Fine Art Reproductions](#)

[Gallery Rental](#)

[Marketing Support](#)

thank you

We are proud and grateful to announce the receipt of 2022 North Tonawanda façade grant from Lumber City Development Corporation and Niagara County Department of Economic Development, which secured partial assistance of our roof replacement.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Eric Fitscher and JEG Contracting for donating the replacement ceiling tiles in our foyer.

pencil in the river

River Art Gallery & Gifts' parent company, Pencil In The River, remains a strong supporter of the WNY artistic community for over 30 years, and located with River Art Gallery in the growing North Tonawanda art scene. Our businesses work in collaboration to ensure the highest level of quality in fine art giclee reproductions and professional exposure, both regionally and internationally.

Giclée printing is a process that uses fade-resistant, archival inks and archival substrates to print on wide format printers. This process is used to make reproductions of artwork for museums, galleries, art show sales and more.

Pencil In The River, also photographs artwork for editorial use in national and international magazines and publishing companies worldwide. We service artists directly who have an interest in self-publishing as well.

To learn about our services, check our website:
PencilInTheRiver.com



historical corner

The Early Years

Our extraordinary building spans from 83 Webster Street all the way through to 82 Main Street in The City of North Tonawanda nestled just one block North of the historical Erie Canal and one block south of the mighty Niagara River in the heart of downtown. The building has served the Tonawanda's for over 131 years with its inhabitants being newspapers from 1900 up until 1960.

In 1900 "The Herald building and the Herald (newspaper 1875-1903) passed into the possession of The News." The building was specifically redesigned to house printing presses for both companies in the basement with the first floor used for its businesses and editorial departments and its second floor rented to the City of North Tonawanda for City Police Court and the Police Department. The City moved into a new building once the papers had grown and needed more space.

The history of the newspaper industry and the local history are forever a part of the building. The Tonawanda Herald Daily of 1890 combined with the Tonawanda Evening News in 1900 in the use of the building. The Tonawanda News sometimes called the Evening News was first published in 1880. On the Websters Street side of the building the concrete letters read "The Evening News" and the Main Street side read Daily News and perfectly accommodated multiple newspaper printing companies. With their custom building for the newspaper printing industry, The Tonawanda news remained there until 1960 at which time the newspaper found a new home on River Road.



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