

## 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.

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Unique  
One-Of-A-Kind  
Art & Gifts

## Artisans: After Hours

**Extended First Friday night hours 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.**

### February 3rd, 2023 — Art Lover's Gift Ideas

Join us for the first Friday evening of each month at River Art Gallery & Gifts. Mingle and shop with our member artists as they display a special, curated collection just for one night. Enjoy our private 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm after hours viewing. Relax at the end of your week, surrounded by exceptional regional artwork. Meet some of our featured artists Jane Andres, Deborah Barbour, Dawn DiGesare, Lisa Doherty, Ken Schosek and Susan Marie Borden.

Discover our many art lovers gift ideas for Valentine's Day. Then stroll across the street to Webster's Bistro for a delicious dining experience, desserts, or cap off the evening with a signature cocktail. It's a perfect Friday evening on Webster Street.

## Creative Experiences

**Join us for an evening's pairing of Fine Art and French Cuisine.**

River Art Gallery has partnered with Webster's Bistro for a fun, creative evening with friends. We've blended a creative art class with one of our Resident Artist that closes with a delicious dinner at Webster's Bistro. Classes take place at River Art Gallery and Gifts (pink building) from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, then we'll stroll over to Webster's Bistro after class to enjoy a delicious dinner at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Choose your entree. Cash bar. \$65 p/p tax included. Register today, classes fill quickly! For reservations, [click here!](#)

### Making Buffalos

**Instructor: Paintress Barbara Rickard**

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

#### Class Schedule and Themes

**Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023:** *All-American Buffalo*

**Thursday, Mar. 16, 2023:** *Irish Buffalo*

Register today: [click here!](#)

She's lost in a love affair with color. Barbara is the creative mind behind a few of Buffalo's landmark paintings and memorable wall murals. Her work celebrates Buffalo NY's great heritage with regional landscapes, and the city's iconic Buffalo. All materials are provided with step-by-step instruction with Paintress Barbara Rickard creating your own iconic Buffalo acrylic painting.





A collection of Bruce Verbeck's fused glass art pieces.

## Fused Glass

**Instructor: Artist Bruce Verbeck**

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Thursday, May 11, 2023**

Learn about the art and craft of designing with Fused Glass with Artist Bruce Verbeck. Experience each step to building a fused glass decorative plate. All materials are provided. It takes one week from your class date to complete the firing process. Once your project is ready for pick up at River Art Gallery and Gifts an email notification will be sent to you.

## Exhibition Schedule



### Call for Work:

## Just Buffaloes II: The Sequel

March 10 – April 15, 2023

**Opening Reception • Friday, March 10 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Since WNY just loves its American Bison, River Art Gallery is proud to announce our upcoming sequel "Just Buffaloes II" This amazing exhibit features over 75 paintings, sculptures, glass mosaics and more for viewing. Our "We Billieve" spirited community is sure to discover a Buffalo creation perfect for their home or office. Now shuffle over to see Buffalos, Buffalos and more Buffalos! Be sure to register early to participate in this popular exhibit: [Just Buffaloes II: The Sequel](#)

## BSA Spring

April 22 – May 20, 2023

Opening Reception • Friday, April 28 • 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

## Mixed Up Media

May 26 – June 24, 2023

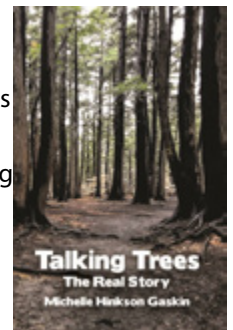
Opening Reception • Friday, May 26 • 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

## Artist Video Spotlight

### Michelle Gaskin

WNY Artist and Associate Writing Professor, Michelle Gaskin captures readers imagination through her book "Talking Trees". She believes that "Each Tree is telling a story", pairing her photo collection with whimsical, heart-felt captions. Creating this book helped Michelle to focus on the lighter side of life around her, while working through the pandemic.

Link to view: [Michelle's video on our YouTube channel.](#)



### David Day

With the guidance of a fellow wood worker, David was dedicated to learning everything about tool use and how to put wood on the lathe. As he became more proficient at his craft, he began to explore alternative shapes and designs, adding texture and color to his turnings. Each piece represents hours and layers of skillful turning, staining, and finishing.

Link to view: [David's video on our YouTube channel.](#)



## 2022 Annual Holiday Exhibition Video & Awards

Our Annual Holiday Exhibit delivered a stellar year-end celebration of 2022. With over 70 pieces of art from 40 regional artist, judge Beth Pedersen had her work cut out for her, in narrowing down her outstanding selection of these 11 award winners. Link to view: [Holiday Exhibition video on our YouTube channel.](#)

## 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](#)

### SCR Grants for WNY Counties



**NEW for 2023: Application Deadline: May 26, 2023.** Any nonprofit organization, government entity/municipality, tribal organization, or individual in Erie, Niagara, or Chautauqua counties is eligible to apply for up to \$5,000 in funding. – Applicants are no longer required to come up with a 50% match in income. Applicants can apply for 100% of their project's cost up to the grant max. **Learn more about these 2023 Grants:** [SCR Grants for WNY Counties - Arts Services Inc. \(asiwny.org\)](#)

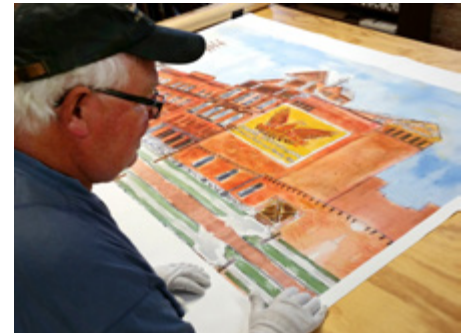
## Fine Art Giclée Reproductions

What is the difference between a copy or print and a fine art giclée reproduction? As opposed to other printing services that will fade and can be inconsistent in color and quality, 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. Our giclée reproductions can be seen around the world in art museums, libraries, galleries, in art shows for sale and in private collections. Stunning fine art paper stocks and canvases are carefully chosen by the artist and our staff to create just the right look for your particular piece. We can print-on-demand which means we can print one or any volume that matches your budget. Perfect for corporations and not-for-profits to use our prints as part of fundraisers and gifting.

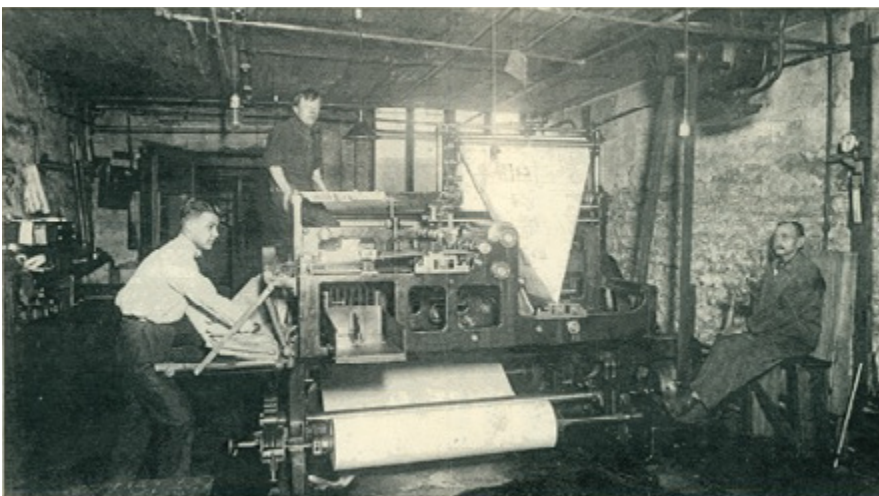
Pencil In The River, also photographs artwork for editorial use in national and international magazines and publishing companies worldwide. We service artists directly who have an interest in self-publishing as well. To learn about our services, check our website: [PencilInTheRiver.com](http://PencilInTheRiver.com)

*"The partnership of art and technology offered by Pencil in the River Studio to develop fine art reproductions from my paintings provides viability to commercial markets. Therefore, expanding my ability to meet my client's requests and grow my business."*

— Bob Gregg



## historical corner



### The Lumber City

At 83 Webster Street, the presses were trying to keep up with the news of the day. The Herald newspaper was the original resident of the building. In 1900 "The Herald building and the Herald (newspaper 1875-1903) passed into the possession of The News." There was a good deal to write about during the height of the Erie Canal. North Tonawanda, also known as "The Lumber City" was booming and as it developed into a major lumber port of the Great Lakes. By 1890, the North Tonawanda port became the world's largest lumber distribution center. Timber was transported via the Great Lakes and the Niagara River from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Canada then transferred in Tonawanda. Referred to lumber hookers, lumber rafts, or canal boats and barges transported the lumber east by way of the Erie Canal. The timber industry supplied regional and national building materials, industry, and fuel.