

## about us

[River Art Gallery & Gifts](#) is nestled in the painted pink historic News building at 83 Webster Street in the town of North Tonawanda. Discover our collection of original artworks and fine art reproductions by established and emerging artists from Western New York and the Southern Ontario region.

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



Visit the Gift Shop for unique one-of-a-kind creations.



RIVER ART GALLERY  
AND GIFTS IS OPEN  
11AM – 4PM  
EVERY THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
Reach us at **(716) 260-1497**  
or online at  
[riverartgalleryandgifts.com /contact us](http://riverartgalleryandgifts.com/contact-us)

## new announcement



### New beginnings, new members and a calendar full of new art exhibits, fairs and festivals awaiting WNY's art community.

The River Art Gallery team also has a new announcement. In 2024, artist Lisa Doherty joined River as Operations Manager. She is responsible for overseeing the behind the scene details of our resident artists inventory and special projects. Working closely with Melinda Schneider the Gallery Manager, together they will direct all of the day-to-day gallery organization and management.

As the winter fades and warm weather approaches, River Art Gallery and Gifts enjoys the growing spring and summer traffic along the NT canal side. The Gallery is nestled in the painted pink historic News building next door to the Riviera Theater.



### PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

There is actually a reason why people love visiting art galleries - it makes them happier! From the moment you enter the gallery your mind starts wandering. River Art Gallery is the perfect way to experience and brighten a chilly winter day. Come in out of the cold and enjoy River's exhibit of Resident Artists. Explore works from over 60 artists in one space, rich in culture, varying techniques and mediums. Be sure to strike up some friendly conversation because we truly love talking about art.

## New Resident Artist

### Cindra Jean McLaughlin

Cindra Jean, an artist printmaker, creates prints using traditional Japanese woodblock printmaking techniques. Cindra strives to keep her subject matter simple to portray the beauty of the moment and hopes to inspire an appreciation for the transient nature of life.



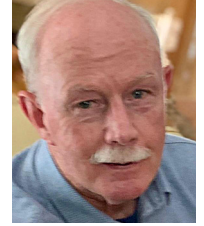
[CINDRA JEAN MCLAUGHLIN PROFILE](#)



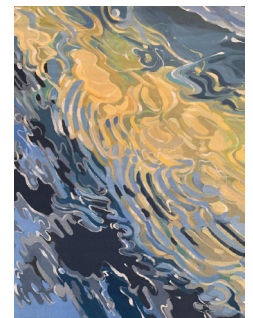
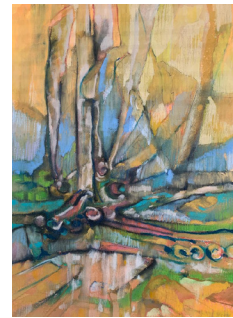
## New Resident Artist

### Matt Ryan

Matt Ryan is a local artist and educator. His love for drawing is expressed through pastels, charcoal and mixed media. He has also utilized printmaking and oil to create his images. Many of Matt's images are tied to his visual experiences, enhanced with a lightness and energy that draws the viewer into his artwork. His work has been exhibited in numerous galleries throughout the WNY region. Currently, Matt exhibits with the Buffalo Society of Artist and the Buffalo Niagara Artist Association.



[MATT RYAN PROFILE](#)

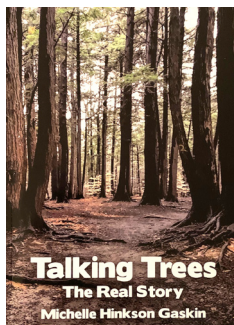


## Book Corner

### "Talking Trees"

by Michelle Gaskin

As an Artist, Author and English Instructor, Michelle loves hiking in nature and taking pictures of trees. Michelle believes in "Talking Trees" as captured in her recent book, she reveals "I cannot look at a tree without seeing something mischievous, despite they're natural ability to stand still." Deep in her soul she see's trees as aloof characters that give us a reason to smile. She encourages readers to discover trees for themselves with a wintry walk in the park, woods or just down your street.



[MICHELLE GASKIN PROFILE](#)

coming soon

RIVER ART CENTER  
SPRING CLASSES  
AND DEMONSTRATIONS



## New Resident Artist

### Ellen Kossoff



For nearly three decades, Ellen Kossoff has cultivated her artwork, discovering inspiration in worldwide travels, including China, the Middle East, Europe and many states in the western and north eastern regions of north America. Explore the diversity of Ellen's artwork at [The Ellen Kossoff Gallery](#)

Ellen Kossoff is a story teller, using markers, pens or oil paint in place of words. Her stories begin as lines on canvas where she creates intricate details that weave captivating plots as complex and meaningful as the imagination allows. Ellen's pieces are unplanned. Her inspired creativity flows to craft a colorful, vibrant visual narrative.

At Pencil in the River Studio, we are invited into the art of discovery. Each painting a new story, a combination of Ellen's vision and our own distinct artistry in mastering fine art reproductions on canvas and paper.



## Pencil in the River Studio

### Artist Feature:

### Philip Burke - Around Town

There's a lot of rock and roll in Philip Burke and a lot of Philip Burke in rock and roll. His original works, mainly in oil, encompass canvases from 40 inches to 12 feet in length. His subject matter includes rock performers, royalty, newsworthy politicians and entertainers from all over the globe.

Burke resides in WNY and has a long working collaboration with Pencil in the River Studio. We photograph high resolution images of Philip's artwork for international magazines, fine art reproductions, and for murals that can be seen around town. Here are two of his larger-than-life murals that you can see around town. Philip Burke's posters and cards are available at River Art Gallery and Gifts.

[Patti Smith and Snoop Dogg Murals by Philip Burke & Zoom Copy @ Town Ballroom - Buffalo Rising](#)



You can view these larger-than-life murals in Buffalo NY



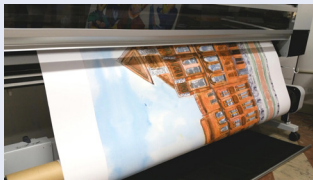
## artists opportunities

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.

Lear more about:

-- [River Memberships](#)

-- [Fine Art Reproductions](#)



## historical corner



### It's time to make some history in 2024.

The Tonawanda's are in the "Sweet Spot" for viewing the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse scheduled for April 8th 2024 targeted to start at 2:37 pm. The Hershell Carrousel Factory Museum is selling Eclipse viewing glasses which allow you to view the sun in its natural orange color. It is important that solar eclipse viewer glasses offer the highest levels of eclipse eye protection. Mark your calendars and get ready for this remarkable event – the skies the limit! For more information, check out "What to Know About the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse in Niagara Falls USA" | Niagara Falls USA



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## wny 2024 art festivals & events

### FEBRUARY 2024

#### Call for Artist Donations:

#### Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center

Annual Gala "Art Auction" accepting artist donations for the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 event.

If interested, Email [jcozzo@askbhsc.org](mailto:jcozzo@askbhsc.org)

#### "A Symphony of Light & Color"

#### Artist Presentations: George Grace,

#### Melinda Schneider, Nancy Mariani

Art Gallery at Fox Run, Orchard Park

Thursday, February 29th, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Photo Galleries – Fox Run at Orchard Park

### MARCH 2024

#### NFWS Modern Works Exhibition

Opening Reception at WNY Artist Group Gallery

Friday, March 29, 2024

[www.wnyag.com](http://www.wnyag.com)

### MAY 2024

#### Williamsville Art Society Spring Exhibit

Sunday, May 5th 2024

Amherst Senior Center, Audubon Parkway

[www.williamsvilleartsociety.com](http://www.williamsvilleartsociety.com)

#### NFWS Reception at WNYAGG

#### Opening Reception at WNY Artist Group Gallery

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### JUNE 2024

#### 67th Allentown Art Festival

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

[www.allentownartfestival.com](http://www.allentownartfestival.com)

#### The Garden Art Sale

Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens

Saturday, June 29, 2024 -- Hours: 10am-4pm

Sunday June 30, 2024 -- Hours: 10am-3pm

[www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com](http://www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com)

### AUGUST 2024

#### Buffalo Chamber Arts & Craft Festival

Saturday August, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Hours: 9:00am - 3:30pm

[www.BuffaloChamber.org](http://www.BuffaloChamber.org)

#### Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts

Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Elmwood Avenue between West Ferry Street & Lafayette

[www.elmwoodartfest.org](http://www.elmwoodartfest.org)

#### Lewiston Art Festival

Saturday August 10th, 2024 10am – 6pm

Sunday August 11th, 2024 10am – 5pm

[www.artcouncil.org/events/lewiston-art-festival-2023](http://www.artcouncil.org/events/lewiston-art-festival-2023)