

The Phelps Historical Society *presents*

The Country Lawyer Gallery of the Arts

Plein Air *with a* **Twist**



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**A special project of
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Welcome to
***the Country Lawyer
Gallery of the Arts***

Thank you for visiting us and taking in our WALK and Plein Air with a Twist Exhibits. It is our pleasure to offer you these shows and we think you will find them quite enjoyable. Take your time, let it soak in and listen to the stories they tell.

Our mission at the Country Lawyer Gallery of the Arts is to both hear the stories of our past - our history - and to tell our own stories in our interpretations of the art we find here. Our artists tell a story through each piece of art they make, and we find our own in them as well. This is why art is our most human response and why it is so important.

In this gallery, you will always find top tier regional artist who have spent years developing their craft. But, in addition, you will always find artists who are just beginning their artistic journey and are very special to us. No matter at what point in this journey, artists are welcomed and will be represented together in the Country Lawyer Gallery of the Arts.

Michael Nash - Gallery Director

Plein Air *with a* Twist

Plein Air? Twist?

Plein Air, if you have not come across the term, means that artists pack up their gear, go outside, find a subject they would like to paint or draw or sketch or whatever and make a piece of art while they are on site. Many art groups and galleries host a Plein Air day and invite people to come to a location and make art. There is not much that's different about our project but it does "have a Twist!"

We invited people to join our project but it was not limited to one day or other short period of time. The reason for this was to give more people a chance to participate by allowing about two weeks to do their Plein Air piece. They could take their time choosing a subject and then go make their art at a time when it was convenient. Participants also knew that we would be using their art for a special show. We helped prep their work for hanging and were available to help with any of the steps in the project.

The art you will see in this exhibit is either from artists who are experienced in Plein Air or those who have never tried it before. As you view the show, enjoy the work but also listen to the stories they tell. This is exactly what art in any form does for us. When we listen to the stories each piece of art tells, it gives us opportunities to learn and get in touch with ourselves.

This is the primary goal of the Country Lawyer Gallery of the Arts. We can offer the opportunity to see many forms of art, be exposed to the beauty the artist depicts and share in those thoughts, and ideas.

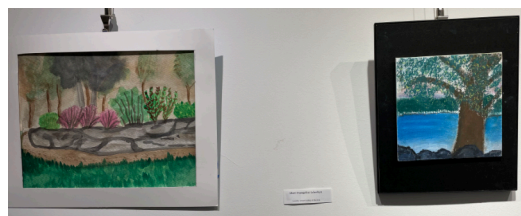
Eileen Wegman - Oil Pastel

Eileen has been branching out in her artistic journey. She chose to do her Plein Air piece in oil pastel as she was taking a class at our gallery in this medium. When you think of oil pastel, you normally envision deep, saturated colors, but Eileen's work is delicate and uses a light touch. You will see this when you view her work.



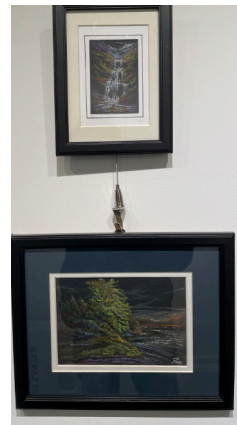
Sheri Evangelist Scherbyn - Watercolor and Oil Pastel

Sheri has two pieces in our Plein Air project - one in oil pastel and another in watercolor. Sheri is a watercolorist but has decided to delve into more mediums just for fun. This is how great art is made. Experiment and see what works for you. You never know!



Ron Boehner - Acrylics and Oils

Ron has shown in our gallery before - think: a smiling cabbage with a goose flying overhead with a banner! Ron is a local artist who is a multi talented guy He is a book illustrator as well as a general art painter. He is showing five pieces in this exhibit, all of which are not only beautiful but also full of stories.



Ron Grube - Oil Painting

See if you recognize Ron's subject matter. For those of you in Phelps, it should remind you of a special creek and bridges. Ron has been covertly painting for quite some time. We finally got him to do a Plein Air project! Ron has volunteered endless hours to both the PCHS ad our gallery We are proud to be able to hang his work.



Mary Bohrer - Acrylics

Mary has been involved with acrylic painting for some time. She is now stretching out and experimenting with other mediums to see what fits for her, but for her Plein Air project, she chose to use her specialty. We are sure you will recognize her subject matter. We, at the gallery, are incredibly impressed by her work and will hold places on our walls for her in the future.



Nancy Jo Bohrer - Acrylics

Nancy Jo is - yes - Mary Bohner's mother. She and Mary decided to go together to Seneca Lake and find a good vantage point. The results are evident and for their first try at Plein Air, we are sure you will enjoy Nancy's work



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