

“Drawing on Talent”
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It has been said that being in nature will bring out the best in people. In the case of the current art exhibit at Baltimore Woods Nature Center, artists have been inspired to create a variety of work, all related to nature in Upstate New York.

From November 4 through December 21, the Fifteenth Annual Members’ Exhibit will be on display in the Art Gallery of the John A. Weeks Interpretive Center at 4007 Bishop Hill Road, Marcellus. An opening reception for this show will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 2:30 until 4:00pm and the public is invited to attend. The exhibit may also be seen when the Interpretive Center is open on Saturdays (10am – 4pm) and Monday through Friday (9am – 4pm). There are no admission or parking fees, and all of the artwork is for sale.

“Drawing on Talent” is a “something for everyone” exhibit. Subject matter includes water, sky, and forest, as well as animals and flowers, each individually interpreted. There is also a wide breadth of media: ceramic; oil, acrylic, watercolor, and pastel painting; ink and colored pencil drawing; weaving, prints, and photography.

Visitors will recognize beautiful Central New York venues: Nine Mile Creek, The Point in Skaneateles, Beaver Lake Nature Center, Heiberg Forest, Pleasant Valley, and Tinker Falls

This year, we also have several images depicting various aspects of Baltimore Woods Nature Center. Lee Turner’s photograph “Long Shadows” was taken on the Boundary Trail, as was “Boundary Trail, Baltimore Woods, Dawn” by Stephen R. Kankus. “Red Trillium,” a watercolor by Bobbi Dean, portrays a flower that can be found on the preserve in the spring. Both “Yellow Garden Spider” by Danielle Montagne and “Baltimore Buck” by Cal Robinson depict unexpected encounters along the trail through photography.

Our participating artists are: Maureen Barcza, Lynette Bartlett, Buddy Belonsoff, Deborah A. Connolly, Don Crumb, Xochitl Cruz-Gallo, Bobbi Dean, Milton Franson, Scout Frost, Sharon Frost, Teresa Nelson Graham, Carol Hill, Tom Hussey, Alan Johnson, Lachlan Kadick, Samantha Kadick, Stephen R. Kankus, Dean R. Kolts, Mary Mahle, Diane Menzies, Danielle Montagne, Laurel Moranz, Jill Newton, Gail Norwood, Jackie Sullivan Passetti, (Joyce) Yue Qi, Cal Robinson, Millie Schmidt, Sharon Schuchardt Patsos, MaryBeth Sorber, Sally Stormon, Anna Stunkel, Guy Swenson, Diane Thompson, Lee Turner and Jeanne Ulrich.

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Baltimore Woods Nature Center is a leader in facilitating opportunities for people to build personal connections to nature. Through engaging experiences and place-based exploration, we envision communities united in stewardship and love of the natural world.