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Student & Faculty Exhibition

October 27 - December 3, 2026

Artist Reception: November 20, 2026, 5:30 - 7 PM

The Cuyahoga Valley Art Center proudly presents its annual Student & Faculty Exhibition, a long-standing tradition that highlights the remarkable creativity, dedication, and artistic growth within CVAC's vibrant visual arts community. Showcasing works across a wide range of mediums, styles, and techniques, this exhibition reflects the shared spirit of exploration and collaboration between CVAC's students and faculty. Admission is free and open to the public.

Gallery Hours:
Mon–Tue 10–3 PM | Wed 3–8 PM | Thu–Fri 10–3 PM | Sat 10–2 PM

For decades, this exhibition has served as a cornerstone of CVAC's programming, providing an invaluable platform for artists at every stage of their creative journey. **Visitors are invited to cast their vote in the exhibition's People's Choice Award, made possible through the generous support of The Vijay Rastogi Memorial Fund.** This fund honors the legacy of Vijay Rastogi—a beloved former board member and dedicated advocate for the arts—and provides cash prizes that recognize the outstanding achievements of our exhibiting artists.

The celebration of artistic excellence will culminate during the Artist Reception on Friday, November 20, from 5:30–7:00 PM, with awards announced at 6:30 PM. This festive evening invites guests to meet the artists, enjoy refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, and purchase original works of art. Admission to the reception is free and open to all.

This exhibition also introduces the Artistic Evolution Awards, a new initiative that honors students who have demonstrated significant growth and development throughout the year. Selected by CVAC's faculty, these awards celebrate dedication, improvement, and the evolving artistic voice of our students.

The Student & Faculty Exhibition is a unique opportunity to experience the extraordinary skill and inspiring creativity that define the CVAC community. We invite you to join us in celebrating the artists who make this exhibition so special.

Maria Adamowicz, Akron, OH *Matisse Set*, **$60** 3-Dimensional Media Instructor: Beth Lindenberger	**Memphis Bailey**, Green, OH *Blue Jay*, **NFS** 3-Dimensional Media Instructor: Tom Baldwin	**Tom Baldwin**, Akron, OH *Semi Palmated Sandpiper*, **NFS** 3-Dimensional Media Instructor
Marilyn Bradach, Rootstown, OH *This Old House*, **$300** Water Based Media Instructor: Mark Giangaspero	**Kay Bell**, Silver Lake, OH *Log*, **NFS** 3-Dimensional Media Instructor: Beth Lindenberger	**Larry Blankenship**, Lexington, OH *Family Outing*, **NFS** 3-Dimensional Media Instructor: Tom Baldwin
T. Watson Bogard, Tallmadge, OH *Lady With Lantana*, **NFS** Oil Based Media Instructor: Mark Giangaspero	**Laura Brady**, Hudson, OH *The Fog is Lifting*, **NFS** Watercolor Media Instructor: Sally Heston	**Linda Brown**, Hudson, OH *An Irish Farm*, **$250** Watercolor Media Instructor: Sally Heston
Alli Cadle, Cuyahoga Falls, OH *Interstice*, **$100** Watercolor Media Instructor: Kit Palencar	**Rebecca Carney**, Cuyahoga Falls, OH *Country Bath*, **NFS** Oil Based Media Instructor: Mark Giangaspero	**Sharley Chang**, Copley, OH *Untitled*, **$300** Dry Media Instructor: Mark Giangaspero
M.H. Phillip Chiang, Chesterland, OH *Beloved Cello*, **$200** Watercolor Media Instructor: Sally Heston	**Carol Clevidence**, Uniontown, OH *Anika*, **NFS** Dry Media Instructor: Mark Giangaspero	**Deanna Clucas**, Stow, OH *Misty Morning*, **$80** Mixed Media Instructor
Kathleen Cockfield, Wadsworth, OH *Santorini*, **$185** Watercolor Media Instructor: Sally Heston	**Bethany Conroy**, Cuyahoga Falls, OH *They Don't Know How Hard this Was for Me*, **NFS** Water Based Media Instructor: Susan Mencini	**Kristen Dages**, Stow, OH *Jay Walker*, **NFS** 3-Dimensional Media Instructor: Tom Baldwin
Linda Ferris, Akron, OH *Go West!*, **NFS** Watercolor Media Instructor: Sally Heston	**Gloria Fickert**, Akron, OH *The Lavendar Farm*, **$200** Dry Media Instructor: Sally Heston	**Steve Fountain**, Kent, OH *A Shard of Light*, **NFS** Oil Based Media Instructor: Kit Palencar
Ellsbeth L. Foust, Streetsboro, OH *White Birds in Dark Storm*, **$200** Photographic Media Instructor: Amanda Bacon	**Wendy Freedman**, Akron, OH *Uncle Willy*, **$225** Oil Based Media Instructor: Amy Gibson	**Amy Gibson**, Lyndhurst, OH *Conscious Rebellion*, **$1,900** Oil Based Media Instructor
Nancy Giermann, Akron, OH *Yankee*, **NFS** Watercolor Media Instructor: Sally Heston	**Robert Goldthwaite**, Kent, OH *Street Noise*, **$25** Water Based Media Instructor: Susan Mencini	**Michael Hart**, Cuyahoga Falls, OH *Bluey*, **NFS** 3-Dimensional Media Instructor: Tom Baldwin

Sally Heston, Broadview Heights, OH
Façade, **$200**
Watercolor Media
Instructor

Mary Louise Holly, Kent, OH
Mara Weesy's Ocean Dream: Johnny, Mommy & Me (Oceanside), **$200**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Nancy Howell, Middleburg Hts, OH
American Kestrel, **$NFS**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Tom Baldwin

Linda Hutchinson, Kent, OH
I Dream of Wool, **$1,565**
Watercolor Media
Instructor

Saira Ismail, Hudson, OH
I Say Tomato…, **$100**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

John Jacon, Bolivar, Oh
Untitled, **NFS**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Tom Baldwin

Jean Jencks, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Misty Watercolor Memory, **$100**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Drew Kahn, Penninsula, OH
Found in Closet, **NFS**
Water Based Media
Instructor: Kit Palencar

Lois Keener, Ravenna, OH
Sunset on the Water, **$100**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Lisa T. Kindleburg, Akron, OH
View on Delaware Avenue, **NFS**
Water Based Media
Instructor: Susan Mencini

Bob Klein, Akron, OH
Santa, **NFS**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Tom Baldwin

Leah Kolesar, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Bad Water Basin (IYKYK), **$500**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Kit Palencar

Terry Korom, New Franklin, OH
Peace Be Still, **NFS**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Kit Palencar

MJ Lehman, Hudson, OH
3 Pears, **$75**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Beth Lindenberger, Akron, OH
Wood Fired Ritual Vessel, **$200**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor

David Lines, Akron, OH
Monet of Ceramics, **$500**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Beth Lindenberger

Audrey Lockhart, Stow, OH
The Barrel Racer, **$250**
Dry Media
Instructor: Kit Palencar

Teri Mackey, Uniontown, OH
Angel, **NFS**
Water Based Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Marcia Mandala, Silver Lake, OH
Piercing Hawkeye, **$300**
Dry Media
Instructor: Kit Palencar

Wyatt McAnerney, Hudson, OH
The Love for Three Onions, **$200**
Oil Based Media
Instructor: Amy Gibson

Susan McKay, Akron, OH
Changing Soon, **NFS**
Oil Based Media
Instructor: Jack Liberman

Susan Mencini, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Edge of Redemption, **$350**
Mixed Media
Instructor

Matthew Moellendick, Canal Fulton, OH
Where Spring Begins, **NFS**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Tom Baldwin

Linda Moore, Silver Lake, OH
Trophy Squirrel - A Warning to the Other Squirrels, **NFS**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Beth Lindenberger

Bonnie J Morris, Uniontown, OH
Perky Peppers, **$200**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Mo Mosyjowski, Mogadore, OH
Bottoms Up, **$450**
Watercolor Media
Instructor

Roy Mowls, Munroe Falls, OH
Autumn Color, **$450**
Water Based Media
Instructor: Susan Mencini

Jeff Murphy, Akron, OH
Grace, **NFS**
Oil Based Media
Instructor: Amy Gibson

Tim Norris, Fairlawn, OH
H wife III, **$200**
Dry Media
Instructor: Amy Gibson

Jay Paktinat, Aurora, OH
Iris, **$240**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Kit Palencar, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
I Go to See the Place Once More, **$1,200**
Oil Based Media
Instructor

Maria Polk, Lakewood, OH
Friday Afternoon Playing Hooky, **$375**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Christopher Leeper

Valora Renicker, Akron, OH
Self Portrait #1, **NFS**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Linda Hutchinson

Gretchen C. Rinnert, Kent, OH
Olive, **$125**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Kit Palencar

Barb Schlagenhauser, Atwater, OH
McKenzie, **NFS**
Water Based Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Sandy Selby, Akron, OH
New Zealand Butterfly, **NFS**
Water Based Media
Instructor: Susan Mencini

Kara Sharp, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Amsterdam, **NFS**
Mixed Media
Instructor: Mo Mosyjowski

Sheryl Sheatzley, Stow, OH
Amalfie "Spectacular in Purple", **NFS**
Water Based Media
Instructor: Susan Mencini

William Smith, Stow, OH
David, **NFS**
Dry Media
Instructor: Amy Gibson

Kathy Sobleskie, Tallmadge, OH
Fall Harvest, **NFS**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Becky Soehnlen, Beach City, OH
Cannon Beach, **NFS**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Kit Palencar

Dean Stampfli, Mansfield, OH
First Bird Ever, **NFS**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Tom Baldwin

Denny Stoiber, Silver Lake, OH
The Hiking Club, **$200**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Kit Palencar

Nicklaus Traeden, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Dinosaur Teapot, **NFS**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Beth Lindenberger

Leta Urycki, Kent, OH
Blue Jay's Bluff, **NFS**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Tom Baldwin

Ken Wells, Rootstown, OH
Male Ram Head, **NFS**
3-Dimensional Media
Instructor: Tom Baldwin

Traci Willard, Akron, OH
Frank, **NFS**
Water Based Media
Instructor: Kit Palencar

Keith Wisdom, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Persia, **$900**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Johanna Yurak, Hudson, OH
Transparency, **$250**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

Steven Zakem, Hiram, OH
Hungarian Village, **$NFS**
Watercolor Media
Instructor: Sally Heston

WHO WE ARE:

Mission Statement: Cuyahoga Valley Art Center, a non-profit visual arts organization, advocates for a greater understanding of the visual arts through the promotion of art education, exhibition, and community engagement.

Vision Statement: Cuyahoga Valley Art Center envisions a sustainable, supported, and supportive environment where artistic excellence, creative spirit, and collaborative community engagement build synergy to enhance the quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

2027 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

Winter Exhibition: January 26 – March 4, 2027
Take-in: January 22-23, 2027
Reception: February 19, 2027, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Figurative Exhibition: March 9 – April 15, 2027
Take-in: March 5-6, 2027
Reception: April 2, 2027, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Membership Exhibition: April 27 – June 3, 2027
Take-in: April 23-24, 2027
Reception: May 21, 2027, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Floral & Landscape Exhibition: June 8 – July 22, 2027
Take-in: June 4-5, 2027
Reception: July 9, 2027, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Juried Exhibition: July 27 – September 9, 2027
Take-in: July 23-24, 2027
Reception: August 27, 2027, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Whiskey Painting Exhibition: September 14 – October 21, 2027
Take-in: September 10-11, 2027
Reception: October 8, 2027, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

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Take-in: October 22-23, 2027
Reception: November 19, 2027, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Fine Art Photography Exhibition: December 7 – January 21, 2028
Take-in: December 3-4, 2027
Reception: January 14, 2028, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

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