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Alfred University to open Underhill exhibit

On April 21, 2022, the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum will open an exhibition of sculptor William Underhill's extraordinary work dating from early 1960 to early 2000.

After studying and working in California in the 1950's, Underhill came East in 1968 when Alfred University invited him to conduct a workshop. In 1969, he was offered a permanent position. At AU he taught sculpture until he retired in 1997. Underhill started Alfred University's first bronze foundry.

While in California Underhill studied with ceramic artist Peter Voulkos and was friends with Stephen De Staebler. He worked with architect Buckminster Fuller at the University of California at Berkeley, where he also earned his degree and studied with designer Charles Eames.

Inspired by Fuller's geodesic dome, Underhill led a student design team to construct a geodesic dome bird sanctuary for the Oakland California Park Department. Still in operation, it now houses sick and injured birds.

Underhill made his first cast, bronze sculpture while in California. His technique involves using a clay vessel or mold coated with wax, essentially making a negative of the bronze casting. This is known as the lost wax process.

Throughout his career, he made distinct geometric pots on stands and legs. A significant early work is Ursa Major at the Lynden Sculpture Garden in Milwaukee, Wis. Another outdoor installation is The Bride and Groom, at the Museum of the Creative Process in Vermont.

In 1990, he installed the King Alfred the Great statue on the Alfred University campus. And in 2020 he designed and installed a fountain in the Fassett Greenspace in Wellsville.

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CREATOR'S CORNER

CARICATURIST/SCULPTOR

Eric Jones

"People should never be afraid to explore their passions."

In 2021 Eric Jones created a Buffalo Bills snow sculpture at the Block Barn in Cuba which captured the attention of not only local media, but also media across Western New York. **But who is Eric Jones?**



1. Jones was one of the last graduates of Richburg Central School before it merged with Bolivar. He attended Jamestown Community College and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Alfred University in 1997. He went to work at DalTile in Olean as a graphic artist and went on to create his own business Eric Jones Studio LLC.
 2. For 25 years he traveled around the country drawing caricatures. He estimates that he has drawn 260,000 caricatures including heads of state, royalty, celebrities, and sports figures. His artistic influences are Sabastian Kruger, Norman Rockwell, and Rembrandt. "To be a good caricaturist you have to understand your boundaries. You want to exaggerate the good characteristics and flatter your subject," he said.
 3. In 2019 he auditioned for the Halloween Wars on the Cooking Channel. He carved ten pumpkins and made it to the finals where he lost by one vote. The episodes aired in 2020. He also carves caricatures in snow and sand by creating a mold. He uses a variety of tools to carve away the material creating the sculpture. He then air brushes the details.
 4. When the snow fell on Jan, 16th and 17th, he went to work creating a second Bills sculpture at the Block Barn. His sculptures help raise funds for charity. Last year's Bills sculpture earned over \$20,000 for Oishei Children's Hospital. He has also supported Make A Wish, St. Judes, Kayleigh's Kindness, and local families.
 5. "I am basically a seven-year-old kid who has turned what kids do into a successful career where I can help others. I feel incredibly blessed. It is a rare thing to be able to take art and make a living from it. We should never be afraid to follow our passion and to take a risk on something we love," he said.
- Jones lives in West Clarksville with his wife Jennifer. They have three adult children. For examples of Jones' work see Page 3 or go to his Facebook page.

About US

Unifying creative minds to expand local access to the arts, The Allegany Arts Association, a non-profit (501c3) founded in 1982, promotes participation in the arts by all residents of Allegany County, NY. Supported by our members, a grant from ASI of Western NY, and a NYS Council on the Arts Statewide Community Re-grants Program with support from the Governor's office and the NYS Legislature, administered by the Wyoming County Arts Council; we provide arts programming and cultural activities for all ages. We work together with Allegany County Libraries, Allegany Artisans, the Wellsville Art Association, The Fountain Arts Center, The Belfast Organization of Artists, Belvidere Cornerstone, and many others to expand access to the arts in Allegany County, NY.

The AAA Newsletter is published quarterly. We welcome news and photos about cultural activities in Allegany County. Announcements and Content may not reflect the views of the AAA Board.

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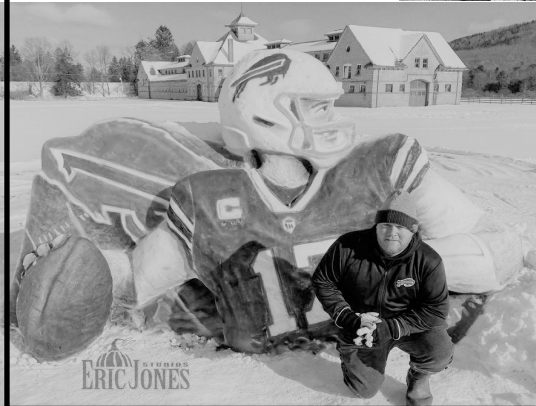
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Adult Book Club

Join the staff March 3, in the Monday Club Room for a discussion of the novel "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. Copies are available at the front desk. To register or time, call 585-593-3410 or email wellsville@stls.org

"The Four Winds" takes place in 1934 in Texas during the Dust Bowl and Great Depression and like so many, the main character must decide to fight for her land or follow the highway to California.

David A. Howe Library-Wellsville

Eat Healthy, Be Active Community Workshops

Free six-week healthy living program taught by SNAP-Ed nutritionist Nicole Bough.

Enjoy fun and lively activities with other adult participants while learning the skills needed to make healthy eating and regular physical activity a part of your lifestyle.

Each class will be held on Thursdays in March from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Classes will include handouts activities and engaging tips and tricks

Register at the front desk or call the library at 585-593-3410 or email wellsville@stls.org

Wide Awake Club Library—Fillmore

Wide Awake Club Writing Contest

The Wide Awake Club Library in Fillmore is hosting a writing contest for those with connections to the community or the Town of Hume.

They are looking for unique stories, essays, and poems about the community and why it feels like home. They welcome funny, illuminating, adventurous, uplifting, scary, inspiring, historical, poignant, writings that reflect the unique alchemy that occurs when a person returns to or thinks about the area.

The deadline is April 30, 2022. Send authentic work and a completed release form (available at the library) to bakerro@stls.org or mail to Wide Awake Club Library, Post Office Box 199, Fillmore N.Y., 14735 Writing Contest.

April is Poetry Month

Shakespeare

4/26/1564 - 4/23/1616

"To thine own self be true"



Libraries Expand Local

Access to the Arts

Contact your local library to find out more

Alfred Box of Books 607-587-9290

Almond 20th Century Club Free Library
607-276-6311

Andover Free Library 607-478-8442

Angelica Free Library 585-466-7860

Belfast Public Library 585-365-2072

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Fillmore Wide Awake Club
585-567-8301

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Rushford Free Library 585-437-2533

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1st Monday: Wellsville Garden Club, 7 pm, Grace United, N. Main St. Call Linda Fanton at 593-5683

1st Wednesday 4:30 pm Allegany Arts Assoc.

Monthly Board Meeting David A. Howe Library

1st Wed. (every other month) 7 pm TRGHS historical group meets @ Trinity Lutheran, N. Main St. Wlsv.

1st Friday 7pm Bird Club, Grace United Church, Wlsv.

3rd Monday 7:30 pm Baker's Bridge Historical Society, Alfred Station

1st Saturday: (Mar. 12) Southern Tier Fiber Arts Guild, 10 to 12:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 470 N. Main St., Wellsville. Go to Facebook for information.

Wed. & Sat, 10 to 3. Allegany County Historical Society Museum open in Andover, NY, 585-610-8668.



April is
Poetry
Month

William Wordsworth

4/7/1770 - 4/23/1850

"Poetry is the spontaneous
overflow of powerful feelings"

Upcoming AAA Sponsored Events

POETRY SLAM - The Allegany Arts Association is planning its first Joanne Allen/Adam Gayhart Memorial Poetry Slam during poetry month on April 21st at 6 p.m. in the David A. Howe Library. Prizes will be awarded. Entries are limited to one per poet. Cost is \$2 per person/audience to vote. Check the AAA or library websites for details.

URGENT CALL FOR ARTISTS - Help the Allegany Arts Association raise funds to continue its various programs by entering its Painted Chair or Table Auction in August.

Artists can register by May 29th by calling Sheila Kalkbrenner at 585-593-4161 or Kathryn Ross at 585-610-5343. Entries are due August 1st. The AAA will accept donations of raw tables and chairs June 1-30 at Kalkbrenner's studio, 345 South Main St. Wellsville. Call ahead if donating. Look for details in next newsletter or on website.

OPPORTUNITIES

Ceramic Artist Residency

The Wellsville Creative Arts Center is offering a year-long residency starting in August for ceramic artists in exchange for help in its studio.

Artists will receive a semi-private studio space with tables and shelving, extended studio access, free glaze and firings and employee discounts on clay in exchange for 10 hours a week help in the studio.

Apply at www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or visit WCAC at 124 North Main St., Wellsville.

Angelica Market Wants artists

The Angelica Farmer's Market is looking to pair with Allegany Artisans to highlight the different artisans in the county. They would like to introduce a different artist each week during the season.

The Market will provide a free space to set up. Artists will be able to sell their products and are asked to give a presentation in the form of a live demonstration, power point, film, or photos of their process or other in-depth descriptions of their art.

If interested contact AngelicaFarmersMarket@gmail.com

Painters for Genesee Valley 100

The Genesee Valley Conservancy wants 100 painters for this year's Genesee Valley 100 Painting Project.

Painters will be given a 12x12 canvas to create a piece inspired by the Genesee Valley landscape. The project celebrates the diversity and importance of the Genesee Valley landscape. The subject is up to each individual artist. Paintings are due October 14, in Perry. Artists can visit the Conservancy website to sign up and receive their canvas.

At the end of the year the Silver Lake Brewing Project in Perry will create a mosaic of the artworks. There is a \$10 fee. The fee may be waived for school classes.

CHECK LOCAL LISTINGS OF EVENTS HOSTED BY

The Palmer Opera House in Cuba, The Fountain Arts Center Belmont, The Wellsville Creative Arts Center, Martelle Dance Academy, Angelica Ink, Lifeway Youth Center Belfast, The Field House, Wellsville, Off Duty Inc. Belmont, The Alfred Art Walk, The Town Theatre of Short Tract, The Angelica Players, Pollywog Holler, STEPS Dance Studio, The Fassett Greenspace, Alfred University: Performing Arts Center-Ceramic Art Museum-Fosdick Nelson Gallery-Nevins Theatre-Cohen Gallery, Houghton College: Ortlip Gallery-Reinhold Campus Center-Wesley Chapel-Recital Hall in the CFA, Alfred State College: Llewelyn Gallery, The Cuba Cultural Center and your local libraries.

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Grant Writer (\$150 per year) Works in collaboration with the Youth Activities Director to compile program data and information in accordance with respective grant guidelines. Writes narrative for grants which support AAA programming, submits grant applications for timely board review and submission to the grantor/funding agency. These duties include but are not limited to an annual application and report to be prepared for timely submission to the Wyoming Arts Council.

Fundraiser (Unpaid Volunteer, Complimentary membership) Coordinates fundraising concepts with AAA Board Members and Manages volunteers, publicity, and participation for fundraising events & activities in the local community to benefit AAA programming.

Instructors (\$25 per hour) Provides instructional art activities for local youth and adults in a public space. A class-outline approved by the AAA Youth Activities Director, intended age range of students, and number of students if class size needs to be limited should be provided. Classes could include drawing, painting, printing, writing, poetry, book arts, collage, music, movement, and so much more. For more information Instructors and host sites should email:

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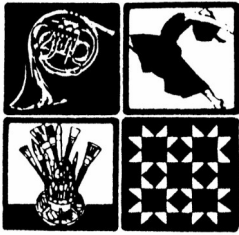
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