

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Association is governed by the Board of Trustees, which meets the last Thursday of the month. The Board consists of elected officers and five trustees elected by the membership.

OUR HISTORY

Through the efforts of Ruth Salton the existing association was founded in May 1958. RAA began with 12 members and grew to 75 by that November. The first meetings were held at the Rome Community Theatre, then Jervis Library, then to a room over Simpkin's Department Store. In early 1970 meetings were moved to Rome Art And Community Center, where meetings are still held today. The Association received a provisional charter in 1959, and the Absolute Charter in 1991. Today, RAA membership is approximately 88 members, and growing...

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

RAA partners with the Rome Community Theatre, providing exhibitions of art in the lobby during plays and special programs.

The Association has an Annual Membership Exhibit in September, held in the galleries of Rome Art And Community Center. This is a non-juried show which provides all members an opportunity to display their work. This exhibit is open to the public.

At each Membership meeting, members may bring one piece of artwork, unless otherwise directed, to be voted on for "Artist of the Month". The piece with the most votes will be hung for that month in Jervis Library and second place hung at Rome Art And Community Center (RACC).

All members are invited to create two pages for the RAA Membership Directory. Artwork, a brief biography, and a photo of the artist help promote our member's work. The Directory is available at RACC.



OUR MISSION

- *To promote and encourage the talents and abilities of our members*
- *To stimulate public interest in and appreciation of the Fine Arts*
- *To encourage the development of facilities in Rome for these purposes*

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Rome Art Association (RAA) is not confined to those who are active in the arts. Any person who is interested in the aims and objectives of the association is cordially invited to join and become a member by paying annual dues of \$15.

MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Meetings are held at Rome Art And Community Center, 308 West Bloomfield St., Rome, NY, on the first Thursday of the month. There are no meetings in January and August. (*October and November meeting locations are TBA.*) An annual RAA party is held in December at a local restaurant.

A social period begins at 7pm during which time members' artworks may be selected for Artist of the Month. A brief business meeting is called to order at 7:30, followed by a guest speaker/presentation.

The main purpose of the meetings is to learn about various art forms in an active and informal way. Programs include critiques, demos, and discussions by interesting and qualified speakers. Ideas for guest speakers by our members are always welcome.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rome Art Association established its High School Scholarship Fund in 1968. Financial assistance is provided to three graduates from any of the Rome High Schools. Students who will be majoring in art may submit a portfolio to be considered for one of these awards. Winners are announced at our June meeting. Students will receive their checks after the successful completion of their first semester of college in an art program.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Rome Art Association's Student Artist of the Month program is active in Rome Elementary Schools. Participating Art Teachers select a body of work from student's recent completed art projects. A member of the Association visits the school each month and selects a piece from this body of work. The Association member also presents the selected student a certificate that month during a ceremony at the school.

At our June meeting all winning students have their art exhibited at Rome Art And Community Center for the month and are recognized at a student reception.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact us with any questions, suggestions, or to join the Association.

ROME ART ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 801

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Additional information can be obtained by calling the Association's "home base", Rome Art And Community Center, (315) 336-1040

Please note: Rome Art Association and Rome Art And Community Center are two separate organizations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Rome Art Association encourages artists and individuals interested in the arts to actively participate in the Association's programs and events.

Teens, Young Adults, Adults, and Seniors make up the membership base—and new members are always welcome!

Attending RAA meetings are wonderful opportunities to meet and network with like-minded individuals. Monthly meetings are also unique opportunities to learn new techniques, ideas, and concepts from the very best in local and regional professional artists who attend as guest speakers.

The Rome Art Association is Rome's only organized gathering of artists in the broadest sense. Artists from all mediums are welcome and encouraged to participate, including but not limited to: painters, sculptors, photographers, fiber artists, drafters/graphite artists, crafters, paper-makers, printmakers, artisans, graphic designers, computer/digital artists, and more.

The Rome Art Association is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and holds a charter from the New York State Department of Education.

The Association's "home base" is a lovely Tudor mansion located in Rome's Historic District. Formerly known as the Carpenter Home, **Rome Art And Community Center** is Rome's only nonprofit multi-arts facility. The Center brags lovely period architecture, beautiful antique furnishings, unique gallery spaces, a professional art studio, and several performance and meeting spaces. Many of the Association's regular and special events are held inside Rome Art And Community Center, including the annual Membership Exhibit.

Please complete this form in its entirety. Submit via postal mail, or in person at a monthly Membership Meeting.

New Member, **\$15 fee**

Renewal, **\$15 fee**

Today's Date _____

First Name _____ MI _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Would you like to receive your monthly membership newsletter via postal mail or email?

US Mail Email

Optional Survey

Your answers will better help us serve you.

Are you an artist? YES NO

If so, what is your medium of choice? _____

Why did you decide to join RAA? _____

What types of programs/ guest speakers are you interested in? _____