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## the carpenter home

### History of Our Beautiful Facility

*The full history of the Carpenter Home is available on our website, or request a copy from our office*

Arthur Carpenter, one of Rome's most successful industrialists, and his wife, built the house in 1923. We owe our gratitude for so much of the beauty we now see to Mrs. Carpenter. She knew exactly what she wanted, and she summarized it all with one sentence: "I want a house that Jane Austen would have wanted to live in."

The site itself was carefully chosen. It sits squarely on Rome's ridge. A raindrop on its west side ultimately finds its way to the Atlantic via the St. Lawrence River. That same raindrop's neighbor reaches the Atlantic via the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers.

The main building achieves its singularity through many carefully designed architectural innovations. Every single brick in its exterior was a "reject". Their imperfection, when massed, provide the building with its color and texture. The carefully placed chimneys were purposely made crooked. The steeply pitched roof with its thick, colored slate, weighs some 70 tons.

After the deaths of Arthur and Grace Carpenter, the City of Rome purchased the property in 1967 for the purpose of housing Rome's only multi-arts facility.

## community

### Events and Services

We host a wide variety of **special events** that are open the public and have fast become local traditions. These events are not only fundraisers, but help us live out our mission to foster community spirit.

Please keep a watch out for our fun and **family-oriented annual events**: Easter Egg Hunt, Run for the RACC, Halloween House festival, Holiday House, and more.

RACC is also the perfect location for parties, weddings, meetings, and special occasions. We offer a variety of **rental options** for our members, nonprofits, and the general public.

We offer a **Scholarship program**, to provide tuition assistance and full scholarships to individuals or families who may be experiencing financial strain.

Our Center is **home base** for several non-profit organizations and community interest groups who host monthly meetings on the premises.

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ROME *Art* AND  
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getting to know us

# ROME ART AND COMMUNITY CENTER

## about us

### Mission and More

Rome Art And Community Center is a nonprofit multi-arts facility committed to fostering creativity, cultural awareness, and a strong community connection through a broad range of programming and services.

We serve Rome and the surrounding community as a fully-functioning multi-arts Center, offering both cultural and community programming at little or no cost to the public. We welcome about 19,000 visitors annually. We are fully committed to making programming accessible to all—regardless of age, race, economic status, or physical ability.

Our Center offers unique opportunities to experience the arts on a very personal level, whether it be through hands-on instruction, a quiet walk through serene gallery space, or even as a part of a large community event.

## our website

Info...Only a Click Away

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## programs

### Artistic and Cultural Offerings

We offer high quality programs for all ages, year round. Here is just a sample...

### Visual Arts

We host dozens of artists annually in our professional gallery spaces. Part of this program also includes free Artist Talks and Artist Receptions, which are open to the public.

### Creative Arts Education

We offer at least five semesters of high quality art classes for all skill levels annually for children, teens, adults, and seniors. Offerings include children's art, fine art courses, hands-on courses, exploratory arts, jewelry making, performing arts, digital arts, and even fitness (such as Yoga and Karate). We even have a summer day camp for kids!

### Music and Theatre

Our on-site music venue, the ArtHouse Café, is home to our 'At Home in the ArtHouse' cultural concert series. We also offer a variety of chamber music concerts and other musical programs.

We host an annual Shakespeare in the Gardens production, as well as a children's theatre program.

## membership

### Our Cultural Community

Becoming a member of Rome Art And Community Center not only says that you wish to support our Center and its mission, but that you believe supporting the arts in our community is essential in making a better quality of life for all.

*All members receive the following basic benefits:*

- Notices of RACC events, programs, and special invitations
- Discounts on class/workshop tuition and admissions
- Advanced notification of classes—before the general public
- A membership card, option to receive emails, and renewal reminders
- More benefits coming soon!

### Nonprofit Membership \$250

Available to any organization with a 501c3 status. Nonprofit members receive a total of 24 hours of time to use the facility for no additional cost (useful for meetings and private events).

[Basic Nonprofit Membership \$100]

### Business Membership \$300

Business members receive eight (8) individual RACC memberships to extend to their employees/customers, as well as discounts on rentals and twenty free passes to our annual Holiday House.

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## membership levels

**Incredi-Kids Club \$18**

*for children ages 3-12*

*\$20 flat rate, 2+ children in household*

**Student/Senior \$20**

*any students over the age of 12, and ages 60+*

**Individual \$25**

*any person who does not fit into the above categories*

**Household \$40**

*benefits extended to all persons in household*

**Patron \$100+**

*all regular benefits, plus one gift certificate for a free class (up to a \$55 value)*

**Endowment \$500+**

*all of the Patron benefits, plus your fee will be deposited into our Endowment Fund, which is an investment in the Center's future*

**Green \$5**

*a "paperless" membership, receive all notices via email only; plus discounts on programs*