

SILENT AUCTION CATALOGUE

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The Friends of The Community Library*

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Proceeds go to furnishing various library renovations
Featuring original rooftop slates painted by local artists



ABOUT THE FUNDRAISER

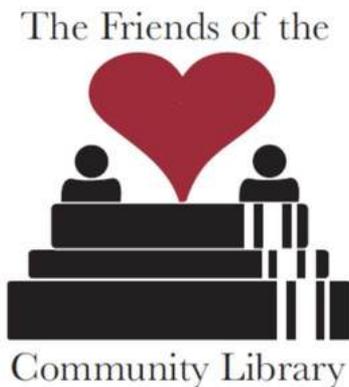
Using the salvaged roof slates of The Community Library's roof replacement project in 2009, thirty-nine local artists have painted sixty-five slates to be auctioned off to raise money to furnish library renovations.

The artists range from hobbyists to professionals, but each one dedicated themselves to creating wonderful pieces of art for this fundraiser!

A THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPANTS

Welcome and thank you for coming to the The Friends of The Community Library Silent Auction. The rooftop slates that have been painted by local artists are a piece of our Library's history. We are deeply grateful for your support of this fundraiser which will help us to furnish the children's and teen's rooms in the new annex. We would like to thank all of our artists for their beautiful paintings that they have donated to this cause. We appreciate all of your hard work to make this night a success. We hope you have a great time bidding on these wonderful works of art!

Thank you,
Cathy Weidman, President
The Friends of The Community Library





#1. Share Your Light

Inspiration: Life

Sharon Aernecke Aitchison

I am not a particularly brilliant artist, but I did tole painting for years and have enjoyed watercolor tutorials. I have always loved quilting, embroidery, rubber-stamping, photography ~ most of the visual arts.

Starting Bid: \$10



#2. Higher than Hill

Inspiration: the remarkable return of Bald Eagles to our area and the supreme presence they demonstrate as they soar above our Schoharie Hills nearby Catskill Mountains.

Cindy Barton

She is a self-taught artist and has dabbled in a wide variety of mediums. Cindy is on the Board of Trustees for the Community Library and of the Theater Project of Schoharie County. Her motto is "into every life a little glitter must fall."

Starting Bid: \$50



#3. Lil' Yellowstone Ranger Bear

Inspiration: My belief that it is essential that our government and ALL of us need to support and preserve our historic and rare natural resources all over this beautiful country.

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#4. Morning Gold

Inspiration: The beauty and colors of sunrise and shadows in the misty morning stillness of a Heron beginning its morning meal hunt.

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#5. The Schoharie Valley From the Nose

Inspiration: Local Geography and love of the view from way "up on the nose"

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#6. Welcome!

Inspiration: A summer bouquet picked to greet all who may enter your home!

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#7. Chickadee

Inspired by a bird sitting on a limb

Erna Beadling

Growing up in a military family, we traveled extensively. Horses and drawing (not so much painting) became a sustaining passion. This is my first real attempt at acrylic painting.

Starting Bid: \$50



#8. Majesty and Nicholas

Inspired by sons and horses

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Starting Bid: \$50



#9. Owl on Stump

Inspired by nature and a fondness for the owls I hear calling outside.

Heather Levo Bivins

My favorite pastime has always been art; I went to college originally to become an Art Teacher. My plans diverged after- I became a Teacher & Librarian at Sharon Springs Central School. I'm now pursuing my goal of becoming a professional artist with my business "Owl Hill Art."

Starting Bid: \$100



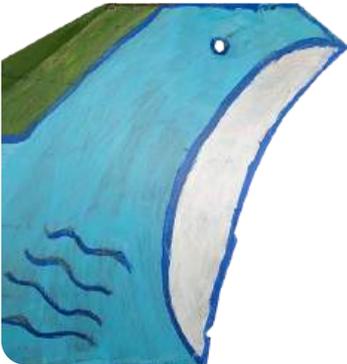
#10. The Park Theater

The rich architecture history of the Village of Cobleskill. The Park Theater, which showed its first movie, JAWS, in 1975, was shown again on its anniversary in August of 2025.

Anna Blinn Cole

She is the pastor of the Cobleskill United Methodist Church. Her previous career was in architectural history, and she serves on the Village of Cobleskill's Historic District Review Commission. Anna is a lifelong artist focusing on pottery and textile art.

Starting Bid: \$50



#11. Baby Shark

Lynn Bowman

Starting Bid: \$25



#12. The Eagle Has Landed

Inspiration: An eagle in Ketchikan Alaska

Patricia Brancoforte

Patricia is a graduate of the Connecticut Institute of Art and the Sheffield School of Interior Design. She worked on three murals featuring nature and wildlife in Middleburgh, NY. Mentored by Gertrude Barrer Russell, she paints portraits of people and pets, landscapes, and still lifes.

Starting Bid: \$30



#13. Woodland Deer

Inspiration: Whitetail Rites of Autumn by Charles Alsheimer

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#14. Bouquet in Autumn Shades

Inspiration: Fanciful bouquet including black eyed Susans and asters.

Sandra Brewster

Sandy Brewster lives in the hills between West Fulton and Summit on fourth generation land among the state forests. Although she's traveled through 49 of the United States, she always finds herself coming home where she enjoys watching the flora and fauna change through the seasons.

Starting Bid: \$30



#15. Cactus on Blue Table

Inspiration: Cactus

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#16. Retreat

Inspiration: Sunset at the beach

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Starting Bid: \$30



#17. Storm Coming

Inspiration: Blackbirds in a cattail swamp

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#18. Sunflower and Friends

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#19. Tough Cat

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Starting Bid: \$30



#20. Blue Pot

Inspiration: My Garden

Pat Castka

I paint primarily with a palette knife using oil. My work is in a gallery in Florida as well as private shows.

Starting Bid: \$30



#21. Clay Pot

Inspiration: My Garden

Pat Castka

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Starting Bid: \$30



#22. Seasons

Inspiration: Seasons change just like how life changes

Kaitlin Daley

Originally from up north, out of all 4 seasons, we mostly had winter. Moving here 6 years ago, I get to see more of the other seasons and the changes that come along, with my favorite being fall.

Starting Bid: \$5



#23. The Adirondacks

Inspiration: Beautiful places I've lived in Schoharie County and Adirondack mountains

Heidi Donahue

I moved here from the Adirondacks 30 years ago. I'm a retired nurse and although I have no formal art training, I enjoy artistic design in painting, interior decorating, gardening, and cooking.

Starting Bid: \$30



#24. Holy Cow

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Starting Bid: \$30



#25. Aingeal

Inspiration: Pay it forward

Mike Donahue

I was raised in the country and moved to NYC for college and stayed. This is my first time drawing and painting in more than 15 years. While it was time-consuming, I enjoyed the process.

Starting Bid: \$50



#26. Welcome to My Garden

Inspiration: This sign was inspired by my friends Sandy and Erna, who asked me, a novice, to join them in this fundraiser. When friends invite you out of your comfort zone, beautiful things happen, not unlike a garden. I hope the person who hangs this sign in their garden will feel the warmth of that friendship.

Dana Foote

Dana Foote is a longtime resident of Summit who loves long walks, reading, and (most recently) painting slate.

Starting Bid: \$25



#27. Jellyfish Fields

Inspiration: Spongebob

Laura Gagnon

Laura is an educator, artist, and musician. She is the librarian at Golding Middle School in Cobleskill.

Starting Bid: \$20



#28. Moonlight at Midnight

Inspiration: The autumnal moon

Nöel Hall

She is a young artist who has loved painting since she was six. Her works include "The Spirits of Theater" mural at the C-R high school, a Baroque paper wig shown at the Annual FMCC Juried Regional High School Art Exhibition, and her series "The Fruit of Life," was displayed at Schenectady Art Night at Armory Studios. Nöel's most recent works are on her Instagram page, artfully_noel.

Starting Bid: \$45



#29. Freedom

Inspiration: Growth and change

Teri Hammon

Teri Hammon; a west coast native, is a retired educator who lived on an island (Fox Island) in the Puget Sound in Washington State for 35 years prior to retiring to Cobleskill to be close to family. Listen to your heart.

Starting Bid: \$25



#30. Tree

Inspiration: A calm, safe space to exist

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Starting Bid: \$25



#31. Custom- Auction Winner's Pet

Inspiration: Photo of the auction winner's pet

Hollie Huf

Capturing the spirit of animals has become my specialty. I create custom pet portraits that go beyond the surface, bringing their personalities to life through every brushstroke. The magic is in the details- especially the eyes, where their love, loyalty, and soul truly shine.

Starting Bid: \$60



#32. Poise of the Huntress

Inspiration: The quiet magic of observing wildlife – that fleeting glance from a creature that's both cautious and free.

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#33. Northern Lights

Inspiration: Nature

Dolores Kloczko

Dolores Kloczko moved from NJ to Schoharie County with her husband Andrew in January 1974 and is a mother of three. She is a self taught artist and enjoys all kinds of arts and crafts. Most recently working with acrylic paints and fused glass.

Starting Bid: \$50



#34. Waterfall

Inspiration: Nature

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Starting Bid: \$50



#35. The Hash Slinging Slasher

Inspiration: Spongebob

Mars Lasky

Mars is an artist from Sharon Springs. He works in acrylic, watercolor, and mixed media.

Starting Bid: \$20



#36. Autumn Sunflower Bouquet

Inspiration: Flowers bring smiles and happiness

Margret Lunzman

Raised in Germany in the 1940's Margret enjoyed art classes, sketching, and painting outdoors. She lives in Cherry Valley, is a member of Cherry Valley Artworks, and sells her paintings and greeting cards at the Plaide Pallet Shop and at 25 Main Collective in Cherry Valley.

Starting Bid: \$25



#37. Springtime Bouquet

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Starting Bid: \$25



#38. All You Need is Love

Vijaya Luxmi

Owner of Vijaya's Boutique in Cobleskill and creator of the meditation garden "Shanti Vun" (Peace Forest) at the Landis Arboretum in Esperance. "Make better where you are because you are already there."

Starting Bid: \$25



#39. The Child Within

Vijaya Luxmi

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Starting Bid: \$25



#40. The Cat

Inspiration: My cat Queenie

Amy Mele

I've lived in Cobleskill my entire life. I have worked at the Community Library for eleven years and counting. I love animals, especially black cats!

Starting Bid: \$5



#41. Love of Libraries

Inspiration: My job

Amy Mele

I've lived in Cobleskill my entire life. I have worked at the Community Library for eleven years and counting. I love animals, especially black cats!

Starting Bid: \$2



#42. Silent Night

Inspiration: Santa's ride on Christmas

Paige Miller

I'm 27 years old, recently married, and I have 3 cats. I have family and friends that support my creativity, and my life is full of love.

Starting Bid: \$5



#43. Faith

Faith is a quality of presence I must be reminded of often; it seemed like a good word to paint on slate.

Denise Misiph

I'm a mixed media artist who likes art journaling and fabric collage which allows me to use all kinds of materials and play with a variety of techniques. I'm always a beginner.

Starting Bid: \$25



#44. Autumn Royalty

Inspiration: Asters and golden rod blooming together is one of my favorite sights in the fall.

Alyson Monitone

Alyson Monitone is a college instructor, artist, and writer. She lives in Schoharie, NY.

Starting Bid: \$20



#45. Resting Place

Inspiration: My Love of Butterflies and Flowers.

Constance Mosher

I've been making art most of my life. I like experimenting with different materials: oil paint, acrylic, watercolors, needle-felting, block printing, fused glass, photography, and now painting on slate. I have exhibited locally at the Berne Library and the Schoharie Library.

Starting Bid: \$25



#46. Trilliums

Inspiration: Seeing the fresh spring flowers blooming above dead leaves and brilliant red partridge berries from autumn lifts the heart.

Jennifer Mosher

She's the Program Director at the Schoharie Library and a trustee of Schoharie County Arts. She enjoys planning events which provide opportunities for people to explore their creativity, learn various art forms, and enjoy the art of others.

Starting Bid: \$25



#47. Bookish Blooms

Inspiration: Handbound books, blooms, and leaves.

Ryoko Mundine

I'm Ryo! A recent transplant from Texas. I'm a crafty creator who makes all sorts of things! Lately, I've been into book binding, but usually you can find me with whatever fiber art caught my eye this week.

Starting Bid: \$40



#48. Happy Pumpkins

Aimee Oathout

Starting Bid: \$25



#49. Genesis 1:1

Inspiration: Creation

Sharon O'Donnell

I've been a self-taught artist since I was young. I've explored different mediums and surfaces. I also make jewelry. It is my pleasure to help this charity; I give all to God for the gift he's given me.

Starting Bid: \$25



#50. Peace

Sharon O'Donnell

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Starting Bid: \$25



#51. Eastern Blue

Inspired by the pair of bluebirds that nest and fledge young in my backyard

Leslie Rigley Lambert

A lifelong resident of Schoharie County, she is retired from NY State Parks. Her art adventures have included a wide variety of mediums from an early age when she fell in love with crayons. Her subjects tend to be inspired by nature. Leslie enjoys the theater and costuming.

Starting Bid: \$25



#52. Quilted Barn Quilt

Inspired by the many barn quilts in the county

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Starting Bid: \$25



#53. Season of the Witch

Inspiration: The Harvest Moon

Carla Roberts

I am a mother of 3 beautiful girls, a 27-year-old and 21-year-old twins. I love Christmas! I look forward to family dinners. I enjoy cooking, baking, listening to music, and being creative.

Starting Bid: \$5



#54. Halloween Boos

Inspiration: Halloween

Christina Marie Smith

I'm Chrissy and I've lived in Cobleskill for 8 years. I enjoy creating and painting. I love doing many crafty things like diamond art and creating things with Legos. I love my friends and my animals that I share my home and life with.

Starting Bid: \$10



#55. Nature's Beauty

Inspiration: Bob Ross

Dennis Tilison

Starting Bid: \$20



#56. Lion of the Tribe of Judah

Inspiration: Ps. 46:10

Deanna Urrey

She is a self-taught artist and does commissions with acrylics and colored pencils. She creates realistic paintings of wildlife and pets on slate. Her work can be found at the Tepee gift shop in Cherry Valley.

Starting Bid: \$40



#57. Tiger on the Rocks

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Starting Bid: \$40



#58. Library Bookshelves

Inspiration: I tried to do it like a "barn quilt."

Julia Walter

I am not a skilled visual artist. I did a 'first draft' on a 3" canvas. I tried this first with marking pens, and the fixative I used washed it out. Then I did it again with acrylic paints.

Starting Bid: \$20



#59. My October Bookshelf

Inspiration: I painted a similar 3" painting, and people seemed to like it, though I didn't win. I bought acrylic paints and paint brushes, but used Sharpies and other marking pens.

Julia Walter

Julia Walter has felt obligated to help paint sets in two plays she was in and has twice painted two pair of her shoes. She likes looking at art, not usually making it, at least visual art.

Starting Bid: \$20



#60. Blue Jay

Inspiration: Relaxation

Gayle Westervelt

Gayle Gaetano Westervelt is a retired Physical Education teacher from Cobleskill-Richmondville school district. She loves to do arts and crafts and has shared this enthusiasm for the subject with her students at Worcester Central school.

Starting Bid: \$25



#61. Flowers

Inspiration: Relaxation

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#62. Hummingbird

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#63. Lab

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#64. Moonlake

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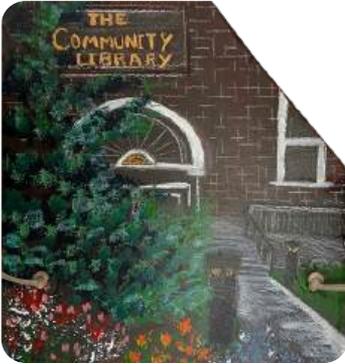
#65. The Cobleskill Fountain

Inspiration: Hebe, the goddess of youth, cup bearer to the gods, and daughter of Zeus.

John Wilkinson

He is a local folk artist of sites that capture the pastoral character of Schoharie County. A retired engineer, John is active in local and historical organizations. His paintings, prints, and books can be found at the Schoharie Mercantile and Generations.

Starting Bid: \$65



#66. Keeping the Light On

Inspiration came to me as I was crossing Union St. to visit the library. The flowers were in bloom, the Peace Tree guarded the sidewalk, and lamp posts lit the way. The sign over the entry peered out as if to say, "ALL are WELCOME."

Cynthia Wilson

I've lived in Cobleskill since 1977! Main Street has lost and gained innumerable store fronts and gathering places. I'm working on capturing some of that 'old time charm' on canvas. My usual mediums are pencil, pen, and watercolors.

Starting Bid: \$50



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