



# Sacandaga Valley Arts Network

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## Keeping in Touch - April 2008



**Anne Miller Memorial Show-** During the month of April SVAN has presented a memorial exhibit of Anne Miller's work gleaned from her vast number of exceptional paintings. Her work has been on view at the SVAN Artists Gallery on the second floor of the Mayfield Community Library, 27 School Street (Mayfield High School). Many from the community showed their appreciation for Anne during a reception in her honor held April 10 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. There were highlights from throughout Anne's career as an Artist and a retrospective of her life as an artist. Music was played by members of the band she was part of for many years. They played some of her favorite tunes. We had good food and wonderful company, both friends of Anne's and those who wish they had known her along with her family. I thought it best to keep her picture on the cover of our newsletter for just one more issue. See the current artist below.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** The music committee has signed **Jay Ungar and Molly Mason** to open the summer 2008 park series in Northville on **July 13 at 5 PM**. That no longer seems far off as you are sweating in 80 plus degrees just two weeks after piles of snow melted away. Clear your calendar now for this unprecedented event. For those of you unfamiliar with Jay and Molly, their music was the backdrop for the Ken Burn's Civil War documentary very popular on public TV. This work earned them many accolades and awards. Keep watch for more information as the date draws near.

### Meet the Artist

A member of the Schenectady Oakroom Artists, George Dirolf, will have his work on display in the SVAN Arts Gallery at the Mayfield Community Library (upstairs) from May 1 to May 30. A reception for this prolific artist will be held May 8th from 6 to 8 P.M. and Dirolf will give an artist talk that evening at 6:30 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to join us.

About his work, Dirolf says, "The images reflect my strong interest in agrarian life and landscapes, and the turning of the seasons." He has also become interested in the influence of the Capital Region Shakers, especially those in the Watervliet area. Join us on May 8th at 6 p.m. to journey with George Dirolf's evolving symbolism.

"Meet the Artist" is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Mayfield Library. The series is made possible, in part, with funds from the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council of the Arts administered by the Tri County Arts Council.

**\*\* A New "Meet the Artist" -** "Meet the Artist" is SVAN's longest running program. It has consistently been funded through the grants from NYSCA administered through Tri County Arts Council so that SVAN could pay professional artists to lecture on their respective artistic journeys. In the past, each artist showed their work either in a power point production or through the use of slides. The new aspect of this program will involve a simultaneous exhibit of the artist's work. This will greatly expand the impact of the artist's creativity, allowing the work to be viewed for a month's time. Our committee would welcome, and critically needs, new members. We hope to continue this program of bringing professional artists to our Sacandaga Valley Arts community. Contact "Connie Dodge at 863-2201 to volunteer a few hours a month to help out.

**Fulton County Art Show-** Warren Greene, Ellen Panero and Robert Stangle will serve as judges for the high school competition, a part of this year's 50th annual Fulton County Art Show. In announcing the selection, art show chairperson Ann Lee Clough noted that the three are well known area artists who have been guest artists in past shows and who have served as judges in past high school competitions. This year a special 50th anniversary prize of \$500 will be awarded to a student artist for "best in the high school show". The competition will also award twenty prizes totaling more than \$1500.

Clough reminded all artists who are planning to exhibit that their entries must be delivered to the First Congregational Church, 31-33 East Fulton Street, Gloversville on Friday, April 25 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM or on Saturday, April 26 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

Any artist who lives, works, owns property or grew up in Fulton County may enter the show. The annual event includes original paintings, prints, photography and sculpture; the high school competition; and a featured guest artist who will be announced at a later date.

The show will open Sunday, May 4 and run through May 11. Additional information may be obtained from Ann Lee Clough, chairperson, at 725-7572 or the Church office at 725-4304.

**Volunteer Coordinator Still Needed!!-** we are in need of a volunteer. (We are all volunteers) We need someone to coordinate and track the locations for showing of our 2008 commemorative quilt. This can be done by anyone. There is no need for you to leave your house. Can be done by a shut in as well as a gad-about. The person in this role will schedule the dates and locations for the quilt from April to August 2008. You will work with the current Quilt committee chair and the treasurer. We have a current schedule of locations used each year as a base. Locating a few new locations would enhance the program. This program is an important core SVAN program and its success is very important to us. If you can help us by being the coordinator next summer please call MaryAnn Evans at 863- 7052 or Frank Casler at 752-8844.

**Our "Adirondack Aquatics" Commemorative quilt** is being shown currently. It has been at each SVAN Coffeehouse concert and also was featured on the Broadalbin TV program twice in the last month. It will be featured at the upcoming Fulton County Art Show next week and will be at the Rustic Artisan Show May 31 to begin the season. Be sure to see it and get your tickets. Barb Sherwood tells us the laminated Quilt Grid of names and squares is finished. MJ Brady and Joan Hansen are working on the label for the back of the quilt. Also, we are having a meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to determine what the theme for the 2009 quilt will be. Any questions just call 661-6248.

**NEW SVAN DIRECTORY-** Within our mission of promoting the Arts throughout the Sacandaga Region is the charge to assist and support our members. This new project spearheaded by board member Darla Oathout will provide a way for SVAN members to share interests and network with other members. A membership directory form was mailed to all members last month and the report is that more than half were returned already. Darla is excited about the response and the way things are moving forward. If anyone did not receive a form that wishes to be included in the directory please let us know and we will be sure you get one. For those of you that have your form and have not sent it in, please do so now as we want to begin formatting the directory. Darla wants to remind SVAN members that it is not too late to add your information to the membership directory. We want to give all new members the chance to be included since we are not publishing the membership directory until August.

**Art Classes Can Change Lives-** SVAN members, who are interested in teaching a class or workshop in the visual arts, can contact Ann Larson at 863-6509 or Connie Dodge at 863-2201. Consider teaching anything from beginners to advanced. It can be basket weaving, rug hooking, pack baskets, quilting, pottery, sculpture, watercolor, oil painting, printmaking, collage, drawing; you name it. Artists who have special equipment in their studios might consider teaching at your own site. Consider daytime classes for kids; evenings or full day workshops for adults.

This past fall and winter, Connie Dodge taught a 6 session Drawing Class on Wednesday evenings at the Edinburg Community Center. Eight students participated and, at the end of the six-week session, six of the students requested another six weeks and then six more. It has been a very successful series as shown by the outstanding quality of the work produced.

There are many, both SVAN members and nonmembers, who might change their lives when a door is opened to the visual arts. A professional artist can also grow by trying something different. Give it a try. It can be a very satisfying experience.

**The SVAN Film Club** will be showing two films in May. **Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. - A collection of short award winning films:**

\*EL GRAN ZAMBINI aka THE GREAT ZAMBINI (Spain – 15 minutes)

We follow the story of an aging circus performer and the troubled relationship he has with his young son.

\*MANN IM MOND aka MAN IN THE MOON (German – 7 minutes)

A little man who lives on the moon longs for company. When in 1969 the first manned mission to land on the moon he runs out to greet his new guests, only to get a big surprise in return.

\*LA LECON DE DANSE aka THE DANCE LESSON (French – 5 minutes)

This film is dedicated to all the people who want to impress others with revolutionary dance training. One man breaks it down in this hilarious instructional dance class.

\*THE SICKIE (Great Britain – 14 minutes)

When events at work prove too stressful for Douglas Knott, he decides to throw a "sickie". Unfortunately, his attempts to enjoy a day off are soon sabotaged by the insidious voice of his conscience, literally!

\*DIAMONDS IN A BUCKET – (France – 21 minutes)

Vivian and Harold are destined to have a sad, pathetic relationship. That is, until Harold's thirty-year old daughter shows up and ruins everything.

\*AIDED MIGRATION – (French – 5 minutes)

When Sureau (a migratory bird) gets ready to leave for his annual migration he is diagnosed with a nitrogen allergy. From now on, he will have to fly by plane.

\*NO BIKINI – (Canada – 8 minutes)

A young girl defies sexual convention during her summer swim class. Filled with humor, this film is less about defining one's gender than it is about discovering personal strength.

\*A HALF MAN – (Canada – 5 minutes)

A whole man contained in half a body struggles to maintain his daily routine and provide for the child in his care.

**Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m.** August the First USA, 81 minutes, Synopsis: It is the morning of Tunde's graduation party and things have already begun to unravel. Tunde has managed to alienate his sister, Simisola. His older brother, Ade, persistently plagues him with criticism and their mother has started drinking again. Unbeknownst to most, Tunde has orchestrated the return of his long estranged father, resurrecting unresolved family anguish against the backdrop of Tunde's celebration. As the day turns to night, old wounds are reopened and bad habits are revived. Layer by layer, deception and half-truths are peeled away as secrets are uncovered in what will be come the most unforgettable day the family has ever experienced. (Synopsis from the Film Forum website.)

Starring Ian Alsup as Tunde and written and directed by Lanre Olabisi.

Winner of the Audience Award, Urbanworld Film Festival and an official selection at numerous other film festivals.

The film club meets in the Lounge at Northville Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The Film Club is free and welcomes all visitors.

**Music Committee News-** The music committee has completed its winter concert series on a positive note and now is busily planning for the summer events. As we prepare for our summer concert events we have several non-financial needs that we would like to request help with from the membership. On July 13<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting Jay Ungar and Molly Mason for a 5 PM concert at Northville's Lakeside Park. This musical act was the sound behind Ken Burn's PBS Documentary on the Civil War. This soundtrack earned a Grammy and earned Jay and Molly an Emmy nomination. Because of this we are expecting a much larger crowd than usual. Our needs: If you can help please contact Sue at 883-5761.

1. An RV or enclosed camper in good condition to park behind the band shell in the park to be used as a dressing room for Jay and Molly.
2. Several golf carts with drivers to shuttle people who cannot walk well to the park from distant parking lots.
3. Extra volunteer's to do things like park cars, sell CD's, sell quilt tickets or help organizers where needed.

**Edinburg Classical Concerts-** The classical concert organizers have also been very busy. We (SVAN) in cooperation with the Town of Edinburg will once again present two classical concerts this summer. The first performance is by The Ballet Brass, a quintet from New York City Ballet Orchestra on Monday, July 14 at 7 PM. The second performance is Joel Brown, classical guitarist with Kirsten Bacchiocchi, flutist on Monday, August 4 at 7 PM. These concerts are made possible, in part, by a grant from the New York

State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), administered by the Saratoga County Arts Council. Hats off to all in SVAN who support programs such as this in our area. A special thanks to Jeanne MacCorkle who always manages to lead an army of volunteers each year and pull off an enormous task. **"Bringing big city music to a small town"**. Tickets are \$12 per program for non-members, \$10 for SVAN members; Special: \$20 for concert series for non-members, \$16 for SVAN members. Children accompanied by an adult: FREE. For further information call Jean at 863-4466. We look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

**Photography discount-** SVAN is pleased to announce a cooperative effort with the Adirondack Photography Institute (API) to promote artistic workshops. Under the direction of John Radigan, API offers an array of photography workshop programs led by talented instructors, both regionally and internationally recognized. The API is offering a 10% discount to SVAN members who register for API program. Please check out the API website at [www.adkpi.org](http://www.adkpi.org) for the complete schedule of 2008 workshops or register by calling (216) 531-2155.

**Looking for Artists-** Linda Kollar of the Tri County Arts Council is looking for artists especially metal sculptors, glass artists (stained and blown glass), candle makers and beaded jewelry designers to display their work at the Artworks in Cobleskill, NY. Anyone interested can contact Linda at [kolart@frontiernet.net](mailto:kolart@frontiernet.net)

**Elm Street Pavilion Dedication, Gloversville-** The Fulton Montgomery Farmers' Market Association in conjunction with the Gloversville Business Improvement District (BID) will host the Elm Street Pavilion Dedication on Saturday June 28, 2008 at the new pavilion. Many attractions are being planned for the event and we are looking for musicians to play from 9 -1 pm. We are also looking for community organizations that have a quilt for raffle to set up and sell tickets. Hmmm... I think we have one! For more information please contact SVAN member Carol Cownie at 883-8099 or [ccownie232@yahoo.com](mailto:ccownie232@yahoo.com).

**Sacandaga Music Theatre Group to become a SVAN program-** After several months of dialog and sorting out the pro's and cons we are happy to announce the affiliation of the theatre group formerly known as Actors Company with SVAN. On the morning of March 8 we had a joint board meeting and enjoyed breakfast together. At that meeting we found plenty of energy and excitement around all the possibilities available to us with a combined effort. At the end a motion was presented and passed unanimously and **the Board officially welcomed members of the Sacandaga Music Theatre to SVAN**. We all look forward to seeing and working together in the months to come. Initially, they will become "charter members" of our newly formed Theater Committee to be headed by Acting Chair, Mike Brace. If you know how to sing or dance you can have a chance. Let us know! Once a few minor administrative issues are worked out the group will function freely as a committee of SVAN much the same as the music committee and Visual arts Committee. Please support this new part of our organization as they rollout the productions in 2008 and beyond.

**Website Help is needed-** We are looking for an individual or group to oversee the content and updates to our website. No html experience is needed. We need someone to coordinate all the changes, updates and additions to the site with our webmaster. The goal is to keep the site ever changing so when new visitors come to the site they see new interesting things each time they visit. Call Frank at 752-8844 if you are interested in helping with this project.

**Drumming Circle-** The circle will continue to meet from 3-5 PM, the third Sunday of every month at the Northville Fire Hall, Main St., Northville (upstairs, next to Stewart's). We have a new co-facilitator named Bill Fichtner. Please join us in our drumming intent of "Harmony for Humanity". Please call Sue at 883-5761 with questions.

**Please see the MEET THE ARTIST FLYER on the last page. George Dirolf, wood engravings and paintings- Thursday, May 8. Trudy Smith, painter- August 14, Harry Wirtz, photographer- September 11 and David Austin, painter- October 9. Don't miss these exciting programs!**

**Sacandaga Valley Arts Center? Yes, It will happen.** If you have the means and want to contribute to the fund, all contributions are tax deductible. (Sacandaga Valley Arts Network is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization.) Just mail a check to SVAN, P.O. Box 660, Northville, NY 12134 and indicate "Building Fund" on your check or note. If you have something else you want to donate other than cash please contact me. We can provide you a receipt for anything we could use toward the cause. If you are excited about creating this Sacandaga Valley Arts Center we need to hear from you. A \$300 pledge is only \$25 per month. Wouldn't it be fantastic to have our local arts center before 2010? I think so!

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

All SVAN artists are invited to participate in our annual **Summer Group Show**. We are especially pleased to be the **inaugural art exhibit in the newly renovated Gallery at the Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce in Gloversville**. The exhibit will be open to the public from July 1 to August 28th. SVAN members who wish to participate must call Constance Dodge at 863-2201 or [cdodgeart@frontiernet.net](mailto:cdodgeart@frontiernet.net) **by June 20, 2008**. All artistic expression, from hooked rugs to paintings are welcome. There are two locked glass cases for jewelry, silk scarves, wooden bowls and carvings, and other precious objects. Sculptures will be accepted if they include a pedestal. All work will be subject to the scrutiny of the curator.

All work must be delivered to the Chamber on June 27 between 9 and 10 A.M. Please make arrangements with Connie Dodge if you are unable to deliver your work at that time. **If you would like to participate but are not a member of SVAN, become one now.** See our web site at [www.svanarts.org](http://www.svanarts.org).

**Please fill out the form below and mail it to:**

**Constance Dodge**  
**Dodge House Lakeside Gallery**  
**936 South Shore Road**  
**Edinburg, NY 12134-5933**  
[cdodgeart@frontiernet.net](mailto:cdodgeart@frontiernet.net)

**SVAN ARTIST SUMMER GROUP SHOW**

**ARTIST**

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**STREET** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ARTS**