



MICROPOLIS Gallery Update



"Summer Breeze" by Kathleen Oakes

March & April

Guest Artist Kathleen Oakes

Micropolis is pleased to feature the work of Kathleen Oakes during March and April. Her show, which opened March 10 at a "Meet the Artists" reception, includes a number of transparent watercolor paintings, many inspired by the beauty of the Adirondacks.

Oakes, a resident of Amsterdam and owner of Oakes Framing and Art Gallery, works in acrylics and oils in addition to watercolors. She is a Signature Artist of the Central New York Watercolor Society. She has studied with a number of accomplished artists at the Hudson River Valley Art Workshops and has taken master classes with American Watercolor Society (AWS) members Judy Betts, Bill Urasick, and Guy Correrio.

"When creating my paintings I rely on my senses. I love going into the Adirondacks and taking photographs of various scenes in nature," described Kathleen. "I combine several of the photos to create my own composition rather than copy an image which might result in a stiff rendering. I want to push my artistic license and make each piece mine. When painting I try to recall how the light was shining and how things smelled."

Oakes has won several awards at shows throughout the region. Her work can be seen in the gallery through the end of April.



LEFT: Section of Acrylic Painting by Linda Hinkle
RIGHT: Glass dish by Cheryl Gutmaker



New Member

Welcome Loie Levine & BeLo the Sea Treasures

Micropolis is pleased to announce that Loie Levine has joined the gallery, bringing her *BeLo the Sea Treasures* to us!

Loie grew up in Gloversville and still has strong family ties here. After high school, she went to college in Boston, then moved to the North Shore of Boston, eventually settling in Gloucester, MA with its rocky coast and beautiful light that has been a beacon to artists for decades.

Her joy has been turning something old into something new. One of the many mediums she has worked with is sea glass. It can take over 100 years for an old bottle, plate or glass to become a unique, smooth, frosted piece of sea glass.

"I love to enhance the natural beauty and to transform each piece of sea glass into a one of a kind piece of wearable art," stated Loie.

You'll find her work in the tall glass tower near the entrance to the gallery.

Artist News in Brief

Our artists who have been recognized by regional arts organizations and galleries! Congratulations!!

■ **Kate Ehle** won the *Dick Blick Art Materials Award* at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie for her digital photo artwork *Adirondack Sunset*.

■ **Lynda Naske** was awarded two *Juror's Choice Prizes*, one at the Arkell Museum for *Silk Road Stroll*, and another at the *North Country Arts Juried Show* at the Crandall Library in Glens Falls for *High Noon at Three Forks*.



ABOVE LEFT: Adirondack Sunset by Kate Ehle
FAR RIGHT: High Noon at Three Forks by Lynda Naske



LEFT:
Collage by Linda Batchelor

BELOW:
Mug by Michelle Harring



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Micropolis is alive and well on Facebook thanks to member artist Eileen Carey-Testo. Eileen is taking time from her busy schedule to keep us fresh. She and her husband live on a small farm in Westerlo, NY where they raise Border Leicester, Romney and Long Wool Cross sheep.

Eileen has been involved in fiber art for more than 25 years and works in a variety of mediums, all of which incorporate products from her own farm. She is especially well-known for her needle-felted characters. These 100% wool art pieces comprise a broad range of subjects, with inspiration ranging from local people to whimsical creatures.

We appreciate your help in spreading the word! "Like us" and invite your friends to do the same at www.facebook.com/MicropolisGallery/



Work in wool
by Eileen
Carey-Testo

Micropolis to Participate

Twilight Markets

Micropolis is excited to be one of the first businesses to become a sponsor of the Downtown Gloversville Twilight Markets. Jennifer Jennings, Gloversville Downtown Development Specialist, is planning a series of theme based, family-friendly events to bring people to Main Street the second Friday of July, August and September and we are on board!

According to the CRG website, "Downtown's summer Twilight Market is a place to buy delicious local food and artisan goods in a festive community atmosphere. We are working with the community to build a future in which Downtown is once again an integral part of the City's cultural landscape. The Twilight Market is committed to creating a diverse marketplace with locally produced products of the highest quality."

Mark July 14, August 11 and September 8 on your calendar and join us downtown!

Learn more about membership in the artists' co-op at www.MicropolisGallery.com