



June 2, 2017

Hello June! The weather is beginning to warm and brighten, and Owego's First Friday Art Walk is bursting with activity. Not only will Art Walk patrons be able to enjoy artists, demonstrations, and live outdoor music, but they will also have chance to participate in two community art projects. Come and visit a dozen locations with artists, demonstrations, tastings, and music performances sprinkled throughout beautiful downtown Owego!

This event **FREE**, and those who visit participating locations and get passports stamped can enter to win prizes at the Art Walk Party! Come and "Walk Owego"!

First Friday Art Walk will be on June 2 from 5-8 P.M. The Art Walk Party picks up at 8:00 P.M., with prize drawing at 8:30 P.M., and live music until 10 P.M. Highlights for June Art Walk include:

- **The Deck (200 Front Street)**
 - **Featured Deck Artist** – Community Art-Making Activity: It takes a community to build a vibrant, lasting arts scene. In that spirit, Tioga Arts Council (TAC) will be hosting a community art-making activity, called "Make Your Mark", on the deck during First Friday Art Walk. Here's how it works: At the deck, TAC will provide a canvas, paints, and brushes. Art Walk patrons can let loose their inner artist, paint a stroke (or more) on the canvas, and contribute to a community artwork. Join us, and make your mark!
 - **Live Music** – Favorite, local string band group, "The Get Down Boys," will be entertaining us LIVE & OUTSIDE on the deck. Featuring Pete Laba, Landon Mullin, Dave Tapia, and George Maffei! Check out the deck for a toe-tapping good time.
- **Black Cat Gallery (190 Front Street)**
 - **Live Music** – John Truth Experience: The coming together of friends who sing stories from a barrel full of original tunes, as well as a flask or two of old favorites distilled down through our own earthy essence. John Truth Experience weaves together Americana, folk, jazz, country, rock, and traditional sounds to create a truly unique experience.
 - **Featured Artist** – Lori Weisz, with Osteophilic Oddities, will use ethically-sourced animal and plant materials to create one-of-a-kind jewelry and décor.
- **Katie's Kreations (188 Front Street)** – At Katie's Kreations, we will be celebrating our 15th year in business. As part of our celebration, we will have a succulent planting class where participants can plant and take home a beautiful potted succulent in a unique container. We will also be serving light refreshments.

- **Taste (186 Front Street)** – Taste concludes its celebration of the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred racing with its display of C.W. Anderson Lithographs from the 1948 portfolio, “All Thoroughbreds”. Learn about Thoroughbreds, racing history, and current issues that face New York’s most beloved horse breed. Enjoy Belmont-themed refreshments while you view the collection.
- **Tioga Arts Council (179 Front Street)** – In addition to hosting Make Your Mark on the deck, TAC will be hosting two additional First Friday activities:
 - TAC invites you to celebrate the talents of art students from Owego Free Academy at our June juried exhibition, entitled “Creativity is Contagious. Pass It On”. See what young artists create at our reception from 5-8 P.M.
 - The Community Yarn Bomb is back! Once again, TAC will host this public art installation to prepare for the 2017 Strawberry Festival. Come and help install colorful knit and crocheted sweaters to the trees surrounding the Tioga County Courthouse. No experience necessary!
- **The Walk-Up-Gallery & Studio Space (179 Front Street, Second Floor)** – Come and check out: “Geraniums and other Germinations: What’s New in the Studios”.
- **Carol’s Coffee and Art Bar (177 Front Street)** – At Carol’s Coffee and Art Bar, Bits and Peaces Photography will present: “Attachment and Impermanence”—a collection of contemplative and emotive images by Judy Lombard. Judy is drawn to scenes and shapes that connect us to something beyond ourselves and unites us on this earthly, yet spiritual, journey. Enjoy live music from local string band, Triton Trio.
- **Art Palate (59 North Avenue)** – Artist Maren Michaels will be demonstrating “Landscape Minis” with easel in sizes 2x2 or 2x3. Watch Maren create art, with an opportunity to join in. All ages welcome!
- **Gallery Forty-One (41 Lake Street)** – The Exhibition Room will feature Guest Artist, Michael Husted, and his exhibition entitled: “Other Facets: Paintings & Sculpture”. Opening Reception is Friday, June 2, and the show will run from May 31 - July 2. Also on display is work from Gallery 41 Member of the Month: Ann Laczak.
- **Original’s Bar and Lounge (25 Lake Street)** – Bess Greenberg is among the best of the local musical artists in the area, but did you also know her talents stretch beyond live music? Stop in and see art work created by Bess. She will also be the featured musical performer for the Art Walk Party! It’s all things Bess Greenberg at Original’s Bar and Lounge!
- **Early Owego Antique Center (43-45 Lake Street)** will be demonstrating their Spanish Barrel Piano and Ithaca Gem Roller Organ. Stop by and see a piece of history in action!
- **The Back Alley Pig (13 Lake Street)** – View photography by Lydia Corcoran with her exhibition, entitled "A Spot of Paradise". Enjoy music from the duo of John Manfredi and Rob Weinberger! John and Rob are two, local and talented musicians who play a blend of blues, pop, and rock with a little soul!

- **Riverow Bookshop (187 Front Street)** – Author Kelli Huggins will be at Riverow to discuss and sign copies of her new book, *Curiosities of Elmira: The Last Labrador Duck, Professor Smokeball, the Great Female Crime Spree & More*. Kelli promises to share truly bizarre and unique tales of Elmira, NY, happenings.

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