



## FRIDAY JULY 7<sup>th</sup>

Summer is officially here and Downtown Owego is bursting with art and activity! Owego's First Friday Art Walk is a monthly highlight in the community featuring a variety of talented artists and musicians along with demonstrations, tastings and exhibitions from local merchants.

Participants are encouraged to visit all of our participating locations throughout this **FREE** community event. Pick up an Art Walk Passport listing details of each location, collect stamps and enter to win prizes at the Art Walk Party.

First Friday Art Walk will be on July 7 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 July Art Walk include:

- **Outside on "The Deck" (200 Front Street)**
  - **Featured Deck Artist** – Michelle Cady is an award winning, published local artist, she works with many mediums and teaches art classes out of her studio on Glen Mary Drive. Michelle mainly creates works of local landscapes, including oil paintings, print making and mixed media.
  - **LIVE MUSIC** – The Island Hopper Steel Drum band play exciting music from the Caribbean that will make you want to get up and dance. Pop music, Calypso's, reggae and more!
- **Black Cat Gallery (190 Front Street)** "The Off Beats" will be entertaining at Black Cat Gallery. This three-piece, female, roots-retro-folk rock band is a unique blend of djembe, autoharp and percussion with vocals and harmonies. Along with live music, artist Denise Tarbox will be displaying her work. Denise is a textile artist creating felted hats and lifelike animal felted vessels.
- **Creative Joy (211 Main Street)** – Creative Joy will be adding their mark to the July Art Walk with a free make and take event! Make a set of 4 amazing watercolor cards using Faber Castell Gelatos, modeling paste, stamps & paper flowers.
- **Taste (186 Front Street)** – Taste will be featuring a sampling of plant based cheeses created by co-owner Collen Cheechalk, and made with herbs and ingredients grown on her organically managed farm.
- **Tioga Arts Council (179 Front Street)** – Come to the Tioga Arts Council (TAC) and see the latest show by Anthony Hanakovic, *Baroque and Badly Bent*. Inspired by the work of 17<sup>th</sup>-century masters, Hanakovic's work explores historic and spiritual themes while evoking drama with his use of complex forms, bold ornamentation, and visual dynamism. It is sure to inspire and delight.

- **The Walk-Up-Gallery & Studio Space (179 Front Street, Second Floor)** – The Walk-Up-Gallery & Studio Spaces invite you to come and visit the artists working in their studios and view the new summer exhibit on display.
- **Carol's Coffee and Art Bar (177 Front Street)** – Greg Neff, a favorite at Carol's, returns to play live music from the 60s and 70s. In addition to Greg, Carol's will be hosting fine art from local young artists, the Lavin sisters, Alexandria and Eliana. Ages 13 and 11 their inspirational subjects include wildlife, nature, domestic animals, portraits of religious figures, and children.
- **Art Palate (59 North Avenue)** – Join artist Maren Michaels as she creates Funky mini painted terra cotta pots with outdoor paints. These are perfect to adorn your homes, window sills or office space.
- **Gallery Forty-One (41 Lake Street)** – The Exhibition Room will feature Guest Artist, Bob Alan Bricks, and his exhibition entitled: "Sexpeditions". This play on words in part describes the duality of this collection by the artist. Exploring both personal sensuality and public suppression these works question both aspects of this creativity for the past year.
- **Original's Bar and Lounge (25 Lake Street)** – Original's will be featuring work by local artist Tom Brown! His collection of work is a truly unique exhibition, both bold and mysterious. On display in Original's Bar and Lounge the Month of July! Don't forget to check out Mike Davis and the Laughing Buddha episodes playing live 6pm-10pm!
- **Early Owego Antique Center (43-45 Lake Street)** - Early Owego Antique Center will be unveiling the recent restoration of their 1951 built Milt Jones/Hillegass open wheel Sprint Car, National Auto Racing Association (NARA) #44. Found in derelict condition in the 1990's, #44 has been restored to its original raced livery and condition.
- **The Owego Kitchen (13 Lake Street)** – Enjoy live music from local group *The Badlanders*, playing out back on the patio (weather permitting). Shalene Chavez will be presenting her art exhibition "*Constructed Contrast*."
- **Quilters Haven (17 Lake Street)** – Join Bonnie Hall as she presents "Barn Quilts". Barn Quilts have become an increasingly popular way to share the beauty of quilt designs with your community. Traditional "Barn Quilts" are painted on an 8 foot by 8 foot surface and mounted high on the ends of barns. They can be viewed from a distance and in many communities there are "Barn Quilt Trails" for people to see a series of colorful quilt designs.
- **Riverow Bookshop (187 Front Street)** – Local author Blair Kenny will present and sign his book 'The Rochester Mob Wars.' The book highlights decades of history of the Rochester Mafia, and contains reports from the Senate hearings and approximately 1,000 newspaper articles that chronicle activity of mob activity in and around Rochester, N.Y.