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The Lise Toch Creative Education Fund

Lise Toch was an artist, teacher, Co-owner of Ragged Edge Printmaking Studio and a founding member of Choose Cohoes for Art. Art in the community is something that she strongly supported. Last year the art committee established a scholarship fund. This year we have made some alterations to it and renamed it. Every future event produced by the Choose Cohoes for Art Committee will, in part, benefit the fund. The Lise Toch Creative Education Fund will benefit students and artists in Cohoes who need assistance in either education or materials to pursue their art. It will also support art in the community with events and workshops. Over time we will add to the outreach of this fund as need arises.



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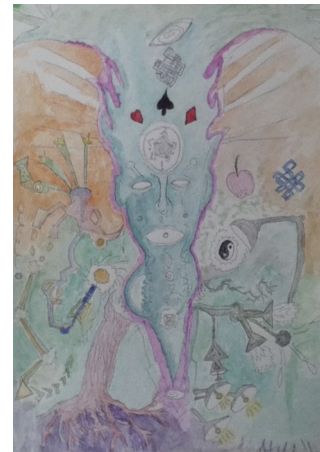
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Silent Auction

The Choose Cohoes for Art Committee is proud to have organized this and other art related events in Cohoes. On page four of this catalog is an article about the Lise Toch Creative Education Fund. A portion of the proceeds from this event and all future events will be added to that fund. Several of our participating artists have donated a piece of art to be auctioned off in support of that fund and the activities of the committee. Those items are on display with a sheet where you can enter your silent auction bid. Check back often to see how your bid is doing! Listed below are the artists who have generously donated art.

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Working preferably in pastels, chalk and pavement I aspire to encourage others, mainly those of younger ages, to search for the artist inside themselves. While working in public, often times I am approached by people passing who are interested in how to do what I do. My simple answer: grab some chalk and draw what's in your heart. Anyone can be an artist!

One lesson I've learned from working in pastels and pavement has been the courage to let go of what I have created. Rain and wind will wash away what I've worked hard to share. In those moments of realization I am able to begin a new with fresh ideas to inspire onlookers once again. I try, with every creation, to allow the colors to illuminate the otherwise plain surface and breathe life into others around who will see it. My art not only speaks for me, but for others who have yet to discover their inner artist."

Kira Feurstein

Kira Feurstein, from Schenectady, NY, has been painting, drawing, and creating something from nothing for her entire life. From working with crayons on paper at age 5 to working with sophisticated paint palettes at 30. She has a Bachelor's Degree of Fine Arts, has taught drawing and painting classes to children and adults, and is also the co-creator of the Re:Project Schenectady Initiative that involves re-purposing trash into artsy treasure. "There is beauty in everything. You just need to find it."



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Nicole Saunders

Nicole Saunders is an artist-educator originally from Rhinebeck now residing in New Paltz. She earned her degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, and her advanced degree in Art Education from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. By day she teaches middle school art in a public school in Orange County, and by night she is a mother and working artist. Nicole's style has recently developed into a bohemian style of miniature, mixed media- layered paintings, and using small canvases and patterns inspired by Zen Tangles, she calls them the "party series". Her style is also orbiting around the concepts and inspirations of the natural elements with modern design, as seen in "Phyllis the Feather".

Renee Keeler

Healthcare by day, artist by night - I have studied drawing, watercolor and oil painting, as well as other mediums and trades. Though I dabble on canvas, stained glass is really my passion. My designs are often infused with mystical influence, and a reoccurring theme in my work has been the circle, a powerful symbol of life energy.

Rebecca Hanson

"As an artist, I am drawn to create rather than leave a legacy. I take care to put more fun and enjoyment inside of my completed works. I want my art to bring a sense of happiness and wonder when viewed by others. When I prepare for my chosen works, I often get inspired through volunteer opportunities and leisurely activities.



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Featured Artist—Tori Rodriguez

I'm Tori, I've always had a passion for art, but started out studying interior design at Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan. After deciding I wasn't in love with the industry, I took some time off from school, and started working for a machining company, where I combined my art and math skills to draw and

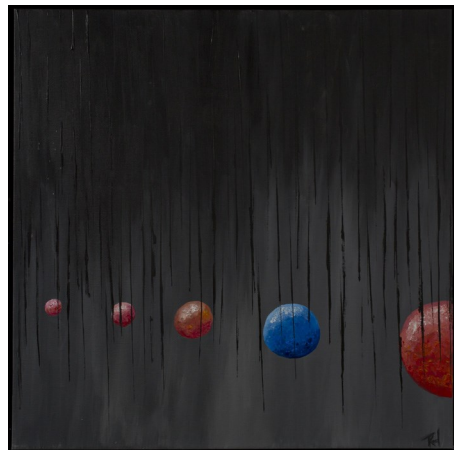


draft all sorts of things. Here, I learned a lot about different materials (steel, aluminum, copper, polycarbonates, etc.), which pushed me to go to welding school so I could fabricate my own designs and sculptures. My goal is to combine my art and engineering talents, and take my designs to new levels, creating different, crazy, functional art. I find that some of my inspiration comes from music or nature, but most of it comes from sheer curiosity. I have a deep admiration for Wassily Kandinsky, Antonio Gaudi, Lee Krasner, Shel Silverstein, Roald Dahl, Jackson Pollock and Armando Soto, and hope that someday I will make as much of an impact on the next generation as these masters did on me!



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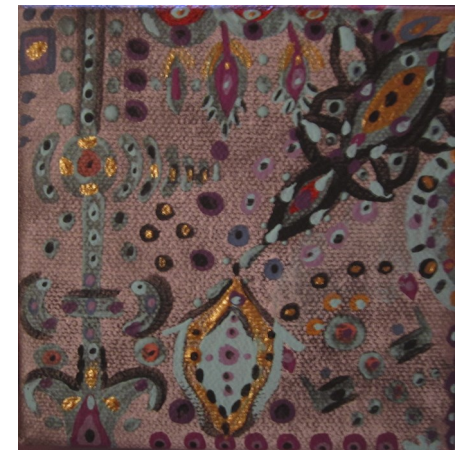


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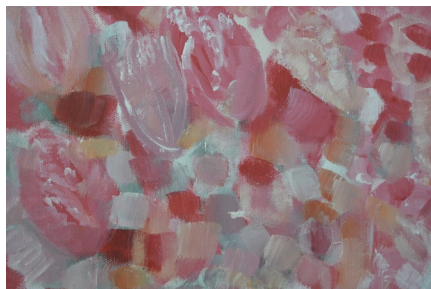
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