

# The Gafney Library

## Press Release

### For Immediate Release

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Wakefield – The highly anticipated 10<sup>th</sup> annual Art at the Gafney fundraiser begins Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Gafney Library in Sanbornville. The tenth year brings changes to the exhibit beginning with two new co-chairs, Library Trustee-Julie Kessler and Friends of Wakefield Libraries member-Teresa Farina. Julie and Teresa are working with event founder and artist, Peter Abate, who is coordinating the 60 artists involved. Peter began Art at the Gafney in 2009 and chaired the event until 2016 when Friends of Wakefield Libraries member Judy Dec took over the reins.

The new co-chairs have implemented changes and added new elements to Art at the Gafney. Julie has created a new website featuring the artists and examples of their work (to be announced!). Teresa, an artist herself, has designed a separate logo used on posters and bookmarks.

There are sixty one artists in the show, each donating one piece of their work for the raffle and one for show or sale. Artists in this year's show include Peter Abate, Madelyn Albee, Darlene Bean, Amy Bintz, Ruth Ann Bleau, Bob Bond, Judy Brenner, Peggy Brewster, Steve Brown, Stacey Bubar, Barry Burke, Valerie Schurer Christle, Kathleen Codyrachel, Robin Cornwell, Martina Cyr, Kiara DeMontier, Mabel Doyle, Ken Eason, Craig Evans, Teresa McWilliams Farina, Bob Farrell, Peggy Farrell, Grace Ferguson, Ron Fountain, Liese Gauthier, J.P. Goodwin, Beverly Grant, Yvette Haddock, Ron Harrison, Gloria Houlne, AmyRose Johnson and Cynthia Kalkhoff. Also included are D.L. Kaulbach, Elaine Klement, Rebecca Klementovich, Gary LaPierre, Gregory LaPierre, Arlene Leyare, Emily Marsh, Maureen McCarthy, Anita Muise, Karen Nastuk, Mikel O'Brien, Maryanne O'Mara, Helen Parlon, Shawn Pelech, Martha Pike, Emma Royle, Norman Royle, Suzie Shaw, Diana Spaulding, Jared St. Onge, Haley Sullivan, Sharon Theiling, Susan Trayes, Juls Twombly, Paul Twombly, Mary Ulinski, Anne Vaughan, Lukas K. Weber and Beth Wittenberg.

An open-to-the-public kick-off reception will be held at the Gafney on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00pm. Members of Friends of Wakefield Libraries will provide refreshments and many of the artists will be on board to meet and greet.

The closing reception will be held in the Wakefield Opera House on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> from noon to 2:00 when the 61 winners will be drawn. Again, the Friends will provide refreshments and all are welcome.

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Tickets may be placed on any of the 61 donated items. Raffle ticket options this year include 15 tickets for \$10, six tickets for \$5, and a single ticket at \$1 each.

The Gafney Library is open for exhibit viewing during open hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:00pm to 7:00pm and Friday and Saturday 9:00am to 12:30pm. For more information, call Library Director Beryl Donovan at 603.522.3401.

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